New York 20 March 1759.~

Sir

I send You enclosed an Order and March Rout for the Regiment You Command to Proceed to Boston, for which I have not fixed a Day as it must depend on the Sloops you will get at your different quarters, and the March from Providence is left discretionary that You may on the Intelligence you will have of the Quarters from thence to Boston, do Order it, that the Regiment may be there without loss of time, which I must particularly recommend to You.

You will therefore Please to give Your Orders to Major Ross to March the Regiment to Boston to which place You will immediately repair without wait:ing for the Regiment, and to take on you the Com:mand of Embarkation of the Artillery, the Regiment You Command the Recruiting Parties &c Ordered to join their Regiments & Companies in Nova Scotia and Louisburg, And the Provincials which I have demand:ed from Massachusetts Government, and of fourscore Carpenters of which I have wrote to Coll. Gridley, in hopes that he will collect and take charge of the Said Carpenters for the Service of the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence. On your Arrival at Boston You will Acquaint Governor Pownall of my having Appoint:ed You to this Command of the Embarkation, and

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You will enforce as much as Possible, a Speedy Com=
=pliance in the Demand I have made of Two Thou=
=sand Five Hundred Provincials, that they may be Em=
=barked as Near as possible by the Time required.

Governor Bernalls Zeal for forwarding every thing that Tends to the good of His Majesty's Service assure me that he will exert himself on this very essential Service, as a Delay in the embarking the Provincials must Stop the Relief of the Troops in the Bay of Fundy Sea and would retard the whole Expedition, and would be an Opportunity lost, perhaps never to be repaired.

That You may be thoroughly informed of every Step I have taken in Regard to the Embarkation of the Troops, I enclose You Copies or Contracts of Letters I have wrote on this Occasion, which will Serve as Instructions to Yourself.

You will see by the enclosed List the Num=
=ber of Troops in each Post, where the Provincials are to replace them, and You will be carefull that the Shipping in which You embark the Pro=
=vincials intended for the different Posts may be Sufficient allowing a Ton and a half per Man for Transporting the Troops directly to their Rendezvous at Louisburg, and that there is a proper quantity of Pro=
=visions on board each Vessell.

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The Ships of Sturys Regiment that take the Garrison of St. Johns, and Sailed, may go to Annapolis and that Regiment Sail together. — M'Curdys Company of Rangers must embark with the Garrison at St. Johns River.

Kennedys Regiment is at Fort Cumberland, and Danks's Company of Rangers must embark with that Regiment. The Garrison of Lunenburg, when relieved, is to go to Halifax to join the Battalions there.

You will give all the Necessary Orders for the Officers and recruiting Parties joining their Regiments, as per Advertisement You will See they are directed to apply to You, And Major Scott must take Some trouble in collecting and trying to Compleat, as much as time will permit, the Ranging Companies, that all their Officers and Men may Sail at the same Time.

You will Supply Col. Williamson, or the Officer Commanding the Artillery, with any Number of Men that may be wanted, of the Regiment You Command (for which Service the Regt. is on purpose Sent to Boston) for Embarking whatever may belong to the Train, and the Men shall be paid by Col. Williamson, or the Commanding Officer Six Pence per Day for their Work.

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You will Please to give your Orders to Otways and Kennedys Regiments, as well as the two Companies of Rangers, directed to Embark with them, to proceed to Louisburg, as Soon as they are relieved, and I now write to Capt. Bond of the Kind Man of War, who I understand is at Boston, to Convoy the Artillery and the Regiment you Com=mand directly from Boston to Louisburg, and when the Embarkation is finished, which You will execute with all the Expedition You can, that the Time Or=dered by His Majesty, which is the first of April, may be as nearly kept to as possible

You will then Embark and go with the Ar=tillery and Regiment You Command to Louisburg where you will Put Yourself under the Orders of Major General Wolfe.

If You Should think it necessary, that the Regiments from the Bay of Fundy Should have a Con=voy You will in that case order them to Halifax to get a Convoy there, Lascelles's and Frasers Re=giments I Shall Send from hence, under Convoy of the Nightingale for Louisburg as it might be Attended with a great loss of time to go to Boston to take you with the Same Convoy.

I Send you my order for the Officers Com=manding in the Several Posts in the Bay of Fundy

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to Obey Such as they Shall receive from You with=
=out waiting for the form of receiving them thro
the Officer Commanding in Nova Scotia, which
Method I Should pursue but it would take up
so much Time, that His Majesty's Service would
greatly Suffer by it —

I enclose with this every thing which I have
wrote concerning the Embarkation for Your full
Information and I give a Credit to Col: Gridley,
in case Money should be wanted for the Carrying
them.

Pray Send the Dispatches to Brig: Gen: Whitmore
& Brig: Gen: Laurence by the first Safe Conveyance after
Your Arrival at Boston I am &c

P. S. I Enclose You Some Extracts of Orders I have given
to Capt Graham about an Expedition to Cape Sable
I wish with all my heart that was Executed with=
=out breaking too far on our Time I'll Send Barré
to Assist You at Boston. ~

To Colonel Burton.

Endorsed Copy/ To Colonel Burton/ from M. G. Amherst/
March 20th 1759-/ Appointing him to Command the Embarkation/
at Boston; (Orders to set out immediately for/ that place;) And
Instructions relative thereto/ in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759/
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The Recruiting Officers, or any who may be Ab:=sent with Leave, of Amherst's, Bragg's, Otway's, Kennedy's, Shrutiers, Monckton's, Laurence's, to March their Partys and Repair to Boston, as near as may be on the first of April, and to apply to Col. Burton for further Orders.

Any Officers or Men of the Companys of Rangers, Quartered in Nova Scotia, or Cape Breton, who are Recruiting, or absent on leave, will repair directly to Boston, and will there receive their Orders from Colonel Burton or Major Scott.

No: Journal

D. A. Gen.

Copy

Endorsed Copy of Advertisement / Directing the Absent Officers / of the Corps Destined for the / Expedition against Quebec / to repair to Boston / Inserted in the New York Paper of the 18th March / Enclosed to Col. Burton the 20th / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 43.

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Destination of the Two thousand five hundred Provincials of the Massachusett's Government demanded to replace part of the Garrison of Louisbourg, and for the Protection of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Bay of Fundy ~

Battalion of . . . . 1000 . . . to . . . . Louisbourg ~
400 . . . . to . . . . Fort Cumberland
250 . . . to . . . . Annapolis
250 . . . to . . . . St. Johns River
100 . . . to . . . . Tesequid
200 . . . to . . . . Lunenburg
300 . . . to . . . . Halifax

New York, March the 20th: 1759

Jeff: Amherst

Present Garrisons

Kennedys Regt. & Danks's Rangers at . . . Fort Cumberland

Otways { 5 Companies at . . Annapolis
3 D. . . & Mc. Curdys Rangers at . . St. Johns River
2 D. . . . . at . . Tesequid

300 Men Detached from Halifax at . . Lunenburg

N. B. There is no Occasion to send more Shipping to Lunenburg than what will take the 200. unless there is room to Spare, what will be left at Lunenburg can be sent for from Halifax at any time

J: A:

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Endorsed Destination of 2500 / Provincials of the Mas=
:sachusets / Govern.t / 20th March 1759 / Enclosed to
Col. Burton in the Govt. of this date. / in Mo: G: Am:
:herst's of March 29. 1759 / HH.

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Copy

New York, 23d March 1759.

Sir,

Major Barré will set out tomorrow morning, and will deliver this to You at Boston; I thought I had said every thing to You in regard to the Embarkation, but I find I have yet some few things to trouble You with.

I Have wrote to Colonel Gridley, who I imagine will accept of the Offer I made him of which I acquainted You, to put himself under Your Command, and to receive any Orders You may give him.

I Have likewise wrote to Capt. Loring to Acquaint him to Assist You, and to take up any more Transports that You may require, the same as if Ordered by me, for this 20,000 Tons are ordered from England, if they should not Arrive, I would not, on any Consideration, have the Service Stop, but hire whatever Additional Tonnage may be Wanted for Embarking the Troops, in which You will give your directions (if You find the Troops are all ready and not a sufficiency of Ships) as You judge best for Expediting the intended Service, and without waiting for further Orders from Me—

I Have Wrote to Gov. Pownall my desire

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that the 2500 Provincials may be all properly Armed, and that they should be inspected by You, that no Men should be sent but such as are fit for the Service they are going on; some who would be too old for the fatigues of a Campaign, will do very well in the Garrisons, none should be allowed who are Too Young, I would have You send the first Provincials You can Collect to the Gar=risons in the Bay of Fundy; I hope the whole 2500 will be ready in Time, but if not, those intended for Louisbourg should be left for the last.

You will of Course divide the Field Of=ficers to the proper Garrisons in the Bay of Fundy; I mean such as belong to the Pro=vincials You send there, and they as well as all the Commanding Officers must have the strictest Charge in the Care of every thing that is delivered to their charge, to take all Opportu=nitys of reporting to Brig.r Lawrence and to Obey most punctually the Orders they receive from the Officers they relieve, and whatever they shall hereafter receive from Brig.r General Lawrence —

I Have Wrote to Admiral Durell to desire that a Convoy may be sent to Annapolis to take the Regiments from the Bay of Fundy to Louis=bourg, in Case he thinks it necessary, but I

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would not have the Regiments wait a moment for the Convoy, after they are ready to Sail; there is nothing in these Seas to hurt them now.

I Have Ordered Mr: Kilby, the Contractor, to Ship Eight Months Provisions for Thirteen Hons: :and Men, commencing the first of May next, in the Ships here and at Boston, besides what is to be Supplyed for the Troops on board to that time; I beleive almost the whole will be shipped here, but whatever may be provided at Boston, which You will know from Colonel Jarris, You will be so good to order that it is properly inspected into. The Hospital Ship and Fresh Provisions for Sick shall be provided here.

I am, &c.

P. S. Colonel Williamson will Settle Every thing with Mr: Boyce in regard to Oxen or Horses; He will likewise take Care of the Intrenching Tools. —

Col: Burton

Endorsed Copy M. G. Amherst/ To Colonel Burton/ Dat.d New York March 23.d/ 1759./ Additional Instruc: :tions in relation to the/ Embarkation./ in M: G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759./ 45. ~

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Sir

It is His Majesty's Orders that the Regi=
=ment you Command should be embarked as
early as possible to proceed to Cape Breton where
the Rendezvous appointed for forming an Army
which is to be Commanded by Brig.r Gen.l Wolfe,
and his Majesty has been pleased to Name the
Regiment You command for that Service. —

You will on the Receipt of this obey such
Orders as You shall receive from Col.o Burton,
whom I have appointed to command the Embark=
=ation of the Troops from Boston and the Bay of
Fundy, and you will punctually obey whatever
Orders You may receive from Col.o Burton, with=
=out waiting for any Instructions from B. G.
Lawrence, as Time will not permit that I
should send my Orders to You through B. G. Law=
=rence, as I otherwise should do, but in this
Case his Majesty's Service will not permit it,
and You will be explicitly obedient to such Or=
=ders as You will receive from Col.o Burton.

You will have all orders and Instructions
which You may have received from the Governor
of Nova Scotia, or any other Your Superior Of=
=ficer for the Defence of Your Post, and the Pro=
=tection & Security of the Country, with the Officer

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whom Col: Burton shall send to relieve You, and You will likewise give all Lights and Informations You can to the said Officer, which You judge may any Way tend to the Good of His Majesty's Service. —

New York March 20th 1759.

Jeff: Amherst
Commander in Chief

To Col: James or Officer
Commanding N. Y. Kennedy's
Regt of Foot, and Danks's Rangers at Fort Cumberland
in the Bay of Fundy. —

Proper Receipts to be taken from the Officer who Relieves you that no one thing may be embezzled. J. A:

Copy

NB. Like Orders sent to Lt Col: Fletcher, or Offic-er Commanding Lt Gen: Otways Regiment at Annapolis Royal in the Bay of Fundy.

Endorsed Orders to Lt Col: James of Kennedys / & Lt Col: Fletcher of Otways Regimt / in the Bay of Fundy. / March 20th 1759 / directing them to obey such Orders as they / shall receive from Col: Burton / in N. Y. Amherst's of March 29: 1759 / 47.

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Sir,

Lieut. General Stuart's being Appointed to Serve on an Expedition which is to be Commanded by Brig.r General Wolfe, and the Corps which form that Army Ordered to Rendezvous at Louisbourg: On the Receipt of this You will punctually Obey such Orders as You will receive from Col.o Burton, whom I have ap=pointed to Command the Embarkation of the Troops from Boston and the Bay of Fundy—

You will leave all Orders and Instruct=ions which You may have Received for Brig=adier General Monckton, or any other Your Superior Officer, for the Security and defence of Your Post, and the Pro=tection of the Country, with the Officer whom Col.o Burton shall send to Relieve You, and You will likewise give all lights and In=formations You can to the said Officer, which You Judge may any way tend to the Good of His Majesty's Service. New York, March 20th 1759.

Instead of B: G: Monckton say — the Gov.r of Nova Scotia

To Major Morris, or Officer Commanding Three Comp.as of L.t Col.o Stuart's Reg.t and Capt.n M.c Lurdy's Comp.a of Rangers at St. John's River Bay of Fundy

Proper Receipts to be taken from the Officer who relieves You, that no One thing may be Embezzled. —

The Same Order to the Officer Command=

:ing Two Companys of Lt: Gen Otways Regt: at Pese-
:quid in the Bay of Fundy; with the Alterations
as p Margin —

Endorsed Orders - To Major Morris / or Officer Com:
:manding Three Compys / of Lt: Gen: Otways Regt: & Capt:
M: Curdys / Compy of Rangers at St Johns River — /
and / To the Officer Commanding Two / Compys of Lt:
Gen: Otways Regt: at / Pesequid in the Bay of Fundy /
Dat: New York March 20th 1759. / Directing them to
put themselves under the / Command of Col: Burton
& to obey his Orders. / in M: Gy: Amherst's of March
29. 1759. / 48.

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Sir ,

The Company You Command is to Serve as an Expedition under the Command of Brig^r: General Wolfe, and as time does not permit to Send You Your Orders by the usual Channel through the hands of Brig^r: General Lawrence, I am to Acquaint You, that I have Appointed Colonel Bur: =ton to Command the Embarkation of the Troops at Boston and the Bay of Fundy, and to direct You to Obey Explicitly any Orders You may re: =ceive from Col^l: Burton or Colonel James. —

New York March 20th. 1759.

To Capt. Danks, or Officer Commanding his Company of Rangers at Fort Cumberland in the Bay of Fundy

Endorsed Orders to Capt. Danks, or/Officer Com: =manding his Company/ of Rangers at Fort Cumberland/ in the Bay of Fundy./ Dat^d: New York March 20th: 1759./ Directing him to Obey any Orders he may receive/ from Col: Burton or Col: James/ in N: Y: Instructs of March 29: 1759/ 49.

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Sir,

The Regiments in Garrison at Hallifax being Ordered on an Expedition, I have directed Col. Burton, whom I have appointed to Command the Embarkation of the Troops at Boston and the Bay of Fundy, to send Two hundred Provincials from Boston to Lunenburg, for the protection of that place.

You will therefore immediately upon the Arrival of the said Provincials, give all the Orders and Instructions You may have received from Brig.r General Lawrence, or any Other Your Superior Officer, to the Officer Commanding the Provincials, and You will give him all lights and Informations that You may Judge can any way tend to the defence of Lunenburg, and the Security and protection of the Country. —

You will without loss of time Embark the Detachment belonging to the Battalions at Hallifax, and proceed in the Vessels sent with the Provincials to Hallifax.

As Time will not permit that I should send You your Orders in the usual form thro the hands of Gov.r Lawrence, You will punctually Obey whatever Orders may be sent You by Col. Burton, and make what Expedition You can with the Detachment You Command to Join the Garrison at Hallifax.

New York, March 20.th 1759.

To The Officer Commanding a Detachment of the Garrison of Hallifax, at Lunenburg in Nova Scotia —

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Sir,

Yours Company is to Serve on an Expedition un=
=der the Command of Brig.r Gen.l Wolfe and this is to
inform You, that I have Appointed Colonel Burton to com=
=mand the Embarkation of the Troops at Boston and
the Bay of Fundy, and You will Explicitly Obey any
Orders You may Receive from Col.l Burton or Major
Norris.

New York, March 20.th 1759.

To Capt.n M.c Curdy, Commanding
a Comp.a of Rangers at St. Johns River
Bay of Fundy

Endorsed Orders to Capt.n M.c Curdy / Commanding a
Company of / Rangers at St. Johns River / Bay of Fundy /
Dat.d New York March 20.th 1759. / directing him to
put himself under the Command / of Col. Burton & to
Obey his Instructions. / in N. Y. Amherst's of March
29. 1759 / 51.

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New York 15th March 1759 -

Sir

Immediately upon receipt hereof You will cause the Number of Fifty Whale boats which I directed You by my Letter of the 1st February to have built, to be augmented to the Number of Seventy; all to be ready by the fiot (sic) of April next, and You will also lose no time in taking up at Boston Three Thousand Tuns of Transport Ships to be ready by the first of April; Viz: double deck'd Vessells at £3/- Sterling a Tun; Single at nine or ten at most, the whole upon the Same Conditions as last Year, with this difference only, that they are, if order'd, to Sail without Convoy, and the Option of dis= =charging them at the Port of Boston, or giving them a Month Pay if discharged at any other port in America, to be in the Crown.

The enclosed rules for Measuring them to be Strictly conformed to.

We shall likewise want by the time above Mentioned 40 Schooners or Sloops that will draw but little Water; And as they are intended for the Service of the Troops on the Expedition up the River St. Laurence, You are the best Judge what Sorts are the fittest for that Purpose, and You will provide them accordingly.

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You will also, privately, Enquire at what rate Rum & Molosses can be purchased at Boston, and to Send me Notice of the prices and the Quantities that can be got.

By the next Mondays post; I Shall Send you further particulars.

I am &c.

Endorsed To Capt: Joshua Loring/ March 15th 1759/ Orders to Augment the number of Whale boats/ from 50. to 70.- to take up 3000. Ton of/ Transports & on what Condetions.- and 40/ Sloops or Schooners that draw but little Water./ in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759/ 53.

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New York, 17th: March 1759.~

Sir,

I Wrote to You the 15th: Instant to take up Three thousand Tons of Transport Vessels, and Forty Schooners or Sloops that draw but little Water, and then re:=ferred You for further Particulars to my next, which I now accordingly send You.

You will get Births (sic) made on board the Ships that are highest, between Decks, for 660 Men, and in your Calculation for the Transportation of the Troops, You will allow a Ton and a half for each Man.

You will also purchase Ditty (or if none of that can be had, the cheapest Sort of Canvas or Hol=:nabrigs) to makes Cases for Bedding, which are to be four feet wide, and Six and a half feet long, to be filled with Straw, and one to serve every two Men.—

The Tonnage of the Shipping for the Artillery is to amount in the whole to Two thousand Tons, in which are likewise to be provided Births and Bed=:ding for the Men, and You will Consult with the Commanding Officers of the Artillery about the Num=:ber necessary for each Ship.

The Forty Sloops or Schooners are to be fitted to Carry Men.

Each Transport, excepting the Single Deck'd Vessels who are only to take in Provisions for those

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they carry, is to take on board, not only four Months Provisions, of all Species, at full Allowance, for the Compliment of Men she can carry, but as much more as she can Stow, leaving a reasonable Room for the Officers and Companies Baggage, and in Order that they may carry the greater Quantity of Provisions, no more than five Weeks Water, at a Gallon for each Man, to be put on board for the Number the Ship is to carry; and for the better Stowage, one third Flower may be taken instead of Bread; and all the Provisions to be carefully Surveyed and examined before it be Received on board.

A Months necessary Money may be paid in Advance to the Masters of such Ships as are to carry Men; at a half penny a day, for each Man the Ship is presumed to carry: An Account of what each Master Receives to be sent to Mr. Appys Office, as well as of the number of Beds and Casks that are put on board each Vessel.

Mr. Hancock, upon application, will deliver all the Casks he received from on board the Transports; and if these do not prove sufficient, You will supply the Remainder at Boston A Ship of 140 Tons will be sent from New York loaded with Casks, so soon as You give Notice that they will be Wanted, in which Case You will take up so much less Tonnage

at Boston, as this Ship will take in Troops there.

Printed Charter-Parties, and Tables for the Rule of Provisions to be served to the Troops while on board, will be sent from hence. —

You will fill up Bills of Impress for One Months Pay for the several Ships, (which I will Sign and return to You) agreable to the Enclosed Form.

And Credit shall be given on Messrs. Apthorp at Boston for £1000 Sterling. —

I am, &c.

To Capt. Loring —

Endorsed To Capt. Loring / March 17th: 1759 / Instruc: tions for the fitting up and Supplying the Transports / in N. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 55.

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New York, March 23d: 1759-

Sir

I wrote to You on the 15th: & 17th Instant, to direct the taking up 3000. Ton of Transport Vessels for the transportation of the Artillery, Col: Webb's Regimt: and the Provincials from Boston to Louisbourg, which tho' not sufficient for that Purpose, I did not then chuse to augment, because my last Dispatches from the Secretary of State advise me, that 20000. Tuns were taken up in England, bound to this Place for the Service up the River St: Lawrence, but as tho' contrary Winds or some other unforeseen Accident these may not Arrive in Time, and that that Expedition shall want for Nothing, that lays in my Power to procure it, I am now to acquaint You, that I have appointed Col: Burton to command the Embarkation at Boston, with Directions that if a sufficient Number of Transports from hence, or else where, did not arrive at Boston at a proper Time, and that he should have Occasion for any more than what You have been directed to take up, that in such Case, he should give you Directions to take up as many Ton more as he should judge necessary for the Service I have sent him upon. Wherefore, if Col: Burton at any Time applies to You upon that Head

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or any other, You will strictly follow & obey his Orders and Directions, what shall be to You of the same Weight as if they came from me. —

I am &c —

Capt. Loring

Endorsed To Capt. Loring / March 23d: 1759 / Direc:tions to obey Col. Burtons Orders &c / Take up as many more Transport Vessels as / there may be occasion for, if the 20,000 Do:r / coming from England should hap:pen not to / arrive in Time / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759. / 58.

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New York March 23d: 1759.-

Sir/

Since your Departure from hence, I have appointed Col. Burton to command the Embarkation from Boston, whither I hope he will be arrived before this Reaches You, and as You will have seen by the Publick Papers, that I have directed all the Recruiting Parties of the Ranging Companies serving to the Eastward, in which Capt. Danks's is included, to repair directly to Boston, there to receive their Orders from Col. Burton or You:, I am now to desire that You will use your utmost Diligence in Collecting them, and that you will apply to Col: Burton for further Orders, with which I have acquainted him. —

I am &c. —

Major Scott.-

Endorsed To Major Scott/ March 23d: 1759/ Directing him forthwith to Collect the recruiting/ Parties of the Rangers serving to the Eastward/ and to put themselves & him under the/ Command of Col. Burton./ in Mr. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759/ 62.

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New York 23d: February 1759.

Sir

I am to acquaint you that I have ordered all the Provisions at Albany that can be spared to be forwarded to ffort Edward, Saratoga, Still water, and as near the Fort as possible, and that I have likewise di=rected some of them to be sent to Schenectady.

I am also to inform you, that by my Accounts from Fort Edward the Provisions there are very bad & not to be depended upon; wherefore it will be ab=solutely necessary to send a fresh Supply in its Stead; and that so soon as possible in order to make use of the Advantage of Sledging which will be a very great saving in point of Expence for Transportation and should be sent I imagine in Sloops from thence be=fore the Ice comes down the River.

Altho' I am sensible of the Facility of trans=porting Flower yet as the Soldier suffers for want of Bis=cuitt, I must desire that a Quantity of them may be sent up in light Casks, so as not to be damaged by water which will be of signal Service to the Troops.

And I must further particularly recommend it to you to cause a Thousand half Barrells of good Pork (which may be wanted on many Occasions) to be pre=pared for Transportation.

I should likewise be glad that a Number of

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Carr could be drove up to the Lake and be there at the time of the Arrival of the Troops on that Spott which I design shall be the very first day after the Season permitts: If therefore a sufficient Numb:ber of Barrells and a proper Quantity of Salt was provided for that Purpose, it would forward things greatly, Upon the whole I shall depend upon your Usual Zeal & Care in having such Quantities of Provisions ready, that whatever our Motions may be either from the Successes which I hope will attend His Ma:jestys Arms during the Campaign, or from the Move:ment that we may be found to use shall always be in a Situation with Regard to Provisions to follow & execute the Operations that will tend to the good of His Majestys Service and to distress the Enemy.

I am &c

Endorsed To Christopher Kilby Esqr:/ Febr:y 3d: 1759./ Directions to forward up Provisions immediately/ to Albany; that 1000 half barrels pork may be/prepared for Transporta:tion; and that by the time/the Troops may get to Lake, a number of good Carr/might be drove up to it./ in Lt. G. Amherst's of March 29./1759/ 63.

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Provisions for 1759.—

The first care will be to put Provisions on board the Transports, that are now ordered at this Place and Boston, sufficient for Thirteen Thousand Men, for 8 Months, commencing the first of May be=sides what Provisions must be put on board for the Service of the Troops in their Passage to Louisburg, Halifax &ca. —

The Provision for the Thirteen Thousand is for the Troops intended for an Expedition up the River St: Lawrence.

The next is to supply Provisions for Thirty Thousand Men at least, for the Army which is to assemble at Albany, and that Provision to be forwarded for that Service as fast as possible.

The Numbers to the Southward remain yet uncertain; Mr: Pitt desired only to take such Measures there, that in Case an Army should assemble there, Provisions may not be wanted, & he shall have the first Intelligence when any Operations on that Side are fixed —

New York, March 20th 1759.—

Endorsed Demand of Provisions for 13000 Men to the East=ward & 30000 above Albany / 20th March 1759. / delivered by the Genl: himself to Mr: Pitt / in Mr. Y. Amherst's of March 29. / 1759. / 64.

New York, 22d: March 1759.

Sir,

In the Instructions I gave You Yesterday for the providing of Provisions for the Two Armys that are to be employed up the River St. Laurence and above Albany, I did not, alth'o I mentioned it in Conversation, Spec:ify, that as among the Transports I have Ordered to be taken up here, there is One fitting for an Hospital Ship, and that it would be necessary to cause her to be provided with fresh Provisions, and with Four Cows for the Use of the Sick; Wherefore, least it should have escaped Your Memory, I must now repeat to You, to take particular care that the same be provided and furnished; And I must also recommend to You, to Procure as much fresh Provisions for the above Two Armys, as will afford the Issuing of it to the Troops, at least, twice a Week, which You will direct Your Commissaries strictly to Observe.

I am, &c.

Christopher Kilby Esq:

Endorsed To Christopher Kilby Esq: / March 22d: 1759 / Additional Instructions to those of the 21st: directing / the providing the Hospital Ship with fresh Provisions & four live Cows for the use of the Sick / & recommending that during the ensuing Campaign may have fresh Provisions Issued / to them at least twice a Week. / in M.G. Amherst's of March 29 / 1759 / 65.

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To His Excellency General Amherst Commander in
Chief of His Majestys ffoces in North America.

The Memorial of Christopher Kilby one of
the Contractors for victualling His Majestys Troops

Sheweth

That in Conformity to the Paper put into the hands of your Memorialist by your Excellency on Wensday Evening last the 21st Inst. your Memorialist has been very attentive to the means of collecting Provisions to be putt on board the Transports orderd, at this place and Boston for 13000 men for eight Months commencing the 1st of May next, for the Troops intended on an Expedition up the River St. Laurence. regarding this Service as his first care.

That the Original Contract in which your Memorialist was engagd, was for the Supply of 12000 men which was early the last Year extended to 24000 and that the Consumption of the Year vastly exceeding that Number and the whole produce of the Country being insufficient for the Continuance of such a Supply - Your Memorialist had recourse to Europe for effectual Reinforcements of Provisions from thence to be appointed to such Numbers as could be found out at home (by Information or Enquiry) to be employd in this part of the World the approaching Campaign.

That your Memorialist's advices are as far as the 10th of January last and his Correspondents then

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"had not the least Intelligence or Notice from the
"Wority what was expected from us the next Summer.

That a very large Quantity of Provisions were Bought in Ireland during the Winter in order to be transported hither by or very soon after this time, but tho a Month was spent in Applications for leave for the Vessels to depart Notwithstanding the General Embargo in that Kingdom it could not be obtaind, And it is thereby rendered extremly uncertain whether any & how much and when it may expected from thence.

That just before the departure of the Expedition from hence the last Spring, there was a Shew of a Reinforcement of Provisions for the Army by the Arrival of a large Number of victuall'd but unmand Transports from England all which Provisions however were con=
=verted to the use of the Navy or to other Purposes and affordid no Supply to the Troops.

That after the Reduction of Louisbourg a seperate Contract was made for victualling that Garri=
=son to take place upon the Arrival of the Notice thereof, but it so happend that neither the Agent of the new Contractor or one mouthfull of these Pro=
=visions from Europe arrived the last fall, or are as we yet know arrived there: by means whereof, in=
=stead of a large Stock of our Provisions at that place which would have been made use of in the approaching

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Expedition, it is not improbable the whole may be expended and Eat for the mere and absolute Necessity of supporting the Garrison.

That in this Situation deprivd of so much of our Stock by the Consumption of Louisbourgh and uncertain of that expected from Europe unless Supplies should arrive Seasonably in the Transports expected from England, and can be absolutely appropriated & secured to this Service and the Ships from Island may be suffer'd to proceed, the present Supply for the 13000 Men for 8 Months must needs be made from the General Stock your Memorial= =ist is oblig'd to furnish for 24000 Men in the whole.

That in such case all that will remain upon your Memorialist, and all that your Excellency has to depend upon for the Support of the Army to Assemble at Albany and every other Purpose will be a supply of Provisions for 11000 Men which leaves the Provision for 19000 Men besides such as may be employed to the Southward to depend upon the Stock of the Country which is not equal to one half of the Consumption and to the Chance of the Kings Provisions in the expected Transports and the Contractors Provisions withheld by the Embargo.

That your Memorialist will remembers your Ex= =cellency's mentioning the four Cows for the Hospital Ship

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refer'd to in the Instructions of the 22d. Inst; And from the same Disposition that has ever actuated him in com=
=passion to the sick he will cause the four Cows to be bought and put aboard the Ship at his own Ex=
=pence the Article of Live Cattle and Fresh Provision being no part of that an Exception in the Contract, for which reason and having gone on at immoderate Expence & Loss in furnishing the Troops with fresh Pro=
=visions to such an Extent as has so far deprived the Country of its Stock of Cattle as renders it impossible to furnish the two days a Week recommended by your Excellency.

Your Memorialist does totally decline making any further Purchases of that kind or affording any other Sup=
=ply of fresh Meat than what may be absolutely necessary for the Hospital at Albany: At the same time make your Excellency an Offer of his best skill & Judgement, and all his Influence over the Persons by him hitherto employ'd, for purchasing the small Remainder of Cattle the Country affords in the same manner as has been done for himself, but to be paid for by such Persons as your Excellency may appoint.

The Cattle so bought may be as they now are sent to the Commissary of Provisions and by him Dis=
=pos'd at his Discretion and when fresh Meat is is=
=sued to the Troops the Certificates will run for so many Days only as they have been furnisht with

Salt Meat in the Week for the seven days of the other Species of Provisions

Which is humbly Submitted, By

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient Humble Servant

Chris: Kelly

Greenwich New York
March 25th 1759

Endorsed Copy Mr Kellys Memorial / 25th March 1759 / In Answer to the Generals demand of Provisions bearing date the 21st & 22d of same Month. / in D. G. Amherst's of March 29. / 1759. / 66.

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Extract of a Letter from Christopher Kilby Esqr: to Major General Amherst; Dated New York, March 28th: 1759. —

I am very certain your Excellency's Care and Authority will not be wanting for the best Accommodation and Subsistence to all the Troops, that can possibly be had, and I do hereby assure your Excellency that no Means have or shall be neglected on my Part for the ample Seasonable and effectual Support of the Army, & am &c^a. —

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Chris^r: / Kilby Esqr: to M. G. Amherst / March 28th: 1759 - / Informing the Genl: that no means have or shall be / neglected on his part for the Ample Seasonable / & Effectual support of the Army - / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 1 S.

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New York, 15th March 1759

Sir,

Having, by the Packet that came in last Night, received His Majesty's Commands to make Preparations for an Expedition intended to be carried on up the River St. Laurence, and in Consequence thereof, having given Directions, to take up a Number of Transport Vessels to Carry the Troops, Stores, &ca, that are to be Employed in that Expedition, which will require a Convoy, I must desire that You will Use your utmost diligence in getting the Nightingale repaired, and in a Condition of Performing that Service, so early as every thing for that purpose will be ready, which is intended to be so soon as the 1st of April.

I am, &ca. —

To Capt. Campbell of His Majesty's Ship Nightingale

Endorsed To Capt. Campbell of the Nightingale/March 15th 1759/Desiring him to use all diligence in getting his/Ship repaird, that she may be able to take/under Convoy the Troops Stores &c from hence/for Louisburg by the 1st of April./in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759/ 69-

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New York March 9th 5: 1759

Sir!

I had the favour of receiving your letter of the 1st of March on the 5d instant at night, I can't ex: =press to you the very great concern I am under at the painfull, & miserable situation of Brigadier Geneal Forbes, who I imagine will be lost to us before this can reach you, and that the Troops may at present be under your command.

The Fatigues you was left on, in making a proper disposal of the Troops for keeping the nece: =ssary communication to Fort du Quesne was so very requisite, that I think Bt: Lt: Forbes judged extream: =ly right in having you to execute that service; and in the unhappy state that I fear poor Forbes is in, if he should not be dead, I presume he is so incapable of giving any orders; that I must desire you will continue to forward every thing according to what were his intentions, and as you may judge best for His Majesty's service.

I have acquainted Governours Fauquiere, and Shirley by letter on the 11th of February, of my intentions of going to Philadelphia and my desire of meeting them there, in order to settle the Indian affairs in the best manner we can, and as you will probably have two, or three days

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notice, & certain intelligence of the time, the above Gentlemen will arrive at Philadelphia, I shall be glad, that on such information, you would send to me that I may set out immediately, but 'till I have a certainty of their coming I cannot quit the business which keeps me here and will not admit of my quitting that place for any length of time at this sea= =son, & makes it necessary I should not set out, but when I am sure they will be there.

I am sorry the accounts of the Campaign are all unsettled, and I apprehend the clearing them will be attended with many difficulties, but I shall give all the assistance I can, and sure the people concerned will not be so blind, as not to see it, and therefore, certainly it should not be of a bad consequence for the next campaign.

On my first arrival here, I made applica= =tion to the several Governours of the Provinces, for continuing the Troops in their pay, since which His Majesty's orders have been sent to all the Governors for raising the same Number, and as many more, as the number and situation of the inhabitants of the Province will allow, and as it is the Kings pleasure, that these should be raised with all dispatch, I am in hopes there is not the least doubt, but the Provinces will exert themselves in raising, and paying their men.

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I should directly apply to the Governour of Maryland in regard to the Troops which are sup:=posed to garrison Fort Cumberland, but he will doubtless be on the road for Philadelphia, where I hope we shall be able to settle that, and many other material affairs.

You will please to inform the Chiefs of the Indians, who I understand are waiting at Phila:=delphia; and I suppose cannot have an opportunity of laying their Message before Br. Genl. Forbes, that I shall soon be there; and that I shall not ne:=glect using my best endeavours for establishing an equitable trade for their interest, and for ensuring a quiet possession to them, and all His Majesty's faithful Subjects, from any incur:=sions of the Enemy.

I have received with your letter the in:=telligencies from Pittsburg from the 19th Janry, to the 17th of Febry, I, at all times make great allowances for Indian riports, and there is a great part of this which I cannot possibly give credit to. I believe it is not possible for the enemy to effect, and very improbable to attempt any enterprize against Pittsburg, when there is a garrison of 400 Men. if they do any thing the most will be, to surprize some convoys going to the

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place, and I don't much think they will try that.

I am very confident Br. Gl. Forbes will have left all necessary orders with Colonel Mercer, or the commanding Officer at Pittsburg, for the effectual de=fence of the Place, the protection of the country, and not to loose any Opportunities the enemy may be so bold to give by venturing any parties too near the place; and indeed it appears to me, as I judge from the strength of the Garrison of Pittsburg, and the number of the enemy in that part, that no occasion should be omitted, that can be taken for surprizing any parties of the Enemy, such as the two Officers, & 20 Men at the Salt springs, which would distress the enemy extreamly, by tak=ing, or spoiling any provisions, they may be collecting together. and I am not sure but that even Venan=go might be taken, which would clear the country entirely to the lakes.

As it appears to me, some occasions may offer of falling on the Enemy's parties, which Br. Gl. Forbes may not have expected at the time he quitted the place, and that Colonel Mercer may not think himself authorized to act offensively with=out further orders; You will please to acquaint him of these my intentions, and as I am very sensible from the Character I have of him, of his

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Zeal, and attachment to the King's service, and his judgment, and alacrity in executing whatever may tend to the honour of His Majesty's arms; You will inform him, that they are my orders, that he should take any opportunities that may offer of attacking any of the enemy's parties, to try to surprize their posts; at the Salt Springs, Venango, or any other place that may offer, with such part of the Garrison, as he shall think proper, having always a due attention to the defence, and security of Pittsburg.

I am &c. &c.

Colonel Bouquet.

Endorsed M. Gen. Amherst/ Copy to Col. Bouquet/ March 5th 1759/ State of the Affairs to the South= =ward/ in M. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759/ &c.

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Extracts of Letters from Col: Bouquet.

Philadelphia
March 1st 1759

All the accounts of the Campaign remains unsettled, the Waggons, and Pack horse re: :quires chieffly to be paid as soon as possible, and any further delay would be attended with a general dissatisfaction in the people, and be of bad conse: :quence for the service of the next campaign.

I should not be even surpriz'd if the As: :sembly of this province should represent the case to you by their Governor, and postpone their proceed: :ing on the Kings service, 'till you are pleas'd to give your orders for the payment of said carriages.

The 100 Men left at Cumberland of the Mary: :land troops are reduced by desertion to 25, and in a short time I expect that Fort will be aban: :doned; the Men having neither pay, nor certainty of receiving any.

Extract of a letter from Col: Mercer, commanding at Pittsbourg the 17th Feb: 1759 received with Col: Bouquet's

Since my last of the 7th no intelligence has been brought me till Yesterday, that Killius King our Friend, if we have any among the Delawares, returned from Kuskuskias.

The Old Man has brought intelligencies of far greater consequence, he went himself to the Salt

Springs, & found only one Officer, and fifteen Men there, employed in trading with the Indians; they had brought ten horse loads of Goods, which were chiefly expended in presents and in purchasing Deer meat, and Corn, of both which their stock is inconsiderable.

The French Officer told him that a thousand Soldiers, and a number of long haired Indians, were then on their March across the Lake from Niagara, that their provisions, and Military stores were already come to La Boeuf, and every thing preparing at that Fort, for Making a descent on this place, as soon as the Ohio is cleared of Ice

This is so far confirmed by a Shawanese residing at La Boeuf who has come from thence to Fort Pitt as a few days ago - he tells the Indians that a large Artillery (forty pieces) are now at La Boeuf, a great quantity of flour, and Beef lately transport=ed from Niagara, and three Battoes made every day for some time past, and of a larger size than ours, but does not pretend that so large a body of Soldiers as the french Merchand talks of, are yet come to La Boeuf, but that every thing is fitting up with great expedition to fall down the River early in the Spring.

Our Stock of Flour &c encreases daily by sup=plies from Virginia, Maryland, & Pensilvania

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The design of the French seems to be to preserve some Interests among the Indians, & they have been very liberal in their presents, particularly to Delaware George.

Intelligences from Pittsburgh the 19th Jany.

100 Men and 7 Officers remains at Venango.

200 had marched to the Lakes a few days before, the french have six Batteaus hauled up a good way from the River.

Intelligences of the 29th Jany

400 Men from Venango had set off for Le Boeuf to remain there till the River opens, and supply of flour can be sent.

The Indians say that the Garisons at Fort Kisle and Le Boeuf are weak, the Men who were there having lately crossed the Lake on account of scarcity of Provisions.

By their accounts no body of French are on the Ohio from hence to the Junction with Cuscakee, and the Mississipi, their settlement at the Falls having been abandoned immediately on their leaving Fort Du Quesne.

Intelligences of the 7th Febv.

An Indian who speaks good English came

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in last night from the heads of Sioto. he says there are Two Officers & 20 men at the Salt Springs above Richoedas, a large quantity of Provisions the flour brought from le Bœuf.

N. B. this report came from a Scoundrel who sold provisions to the Fort and brought to engross the Trade to himself by raising this report and hindering others to take up Provisions

The Delaware gazette will have it that near a hundred overlake Indians, are set off to come to war here. they are gone every one to their towns seemingly in dread of these fellows coming about the Fort.

From Col: Bouquet 11th March.

I have transmitted your Orders to Col. Mercer, who deserves in every respect the Character you have had of him, and will execute them with activity, & prudence.

By a letter received this day I hear that the Garison of Cumberland being reduced to a few men, an Officer, and 20 were to march there from Bedford for the guard of the Stores, agreable to the order I had left in expectation of what has happened.

Governour Denny desires me to inform You, that he has recd. your letter, and laid yesterday before the Assembly what concerns them.

We hear nothing precise yet of the arrival of the Governours of Virginia, and Maryland, but I

shall send an express as soon as I know the day.

March 13th Col: Mercer had Orders in case of an attack with cannon to make no capitula=tion, but if he could not succeed in attempting to spike, or destroy their cannon, in that case to burn the Fort in the night, destroy his Provisions, Ammunition, and retire in his Battoes over the Monongahela, making the best of his way to Ligonier, or if not possible to Fort Cumberland.

The Garrison at Ligonier is by sickness, death, or detachments to Pittsburg, reduced to 248 private, and I must say that the Commanding Officer there has not the necessary experience, or military capacity, for a post of that consequence, which should it fall in the hands of the Enemy with all our Artillery, and 200 barrels of Powder, would be such a reinforcement to them, that it would not be easy to dispossess again of the Ohio.

The Garrison at Bedford is reduced to about 80 Men, after the detachment sent to Cum=berland, and as the General Hospital is there, and a great quantity of Stores, that post requires more men.

The rest of the Posts upon the communica=tion down to Carlisle, are each garrisoned by an Of=ficer and 25 Men.

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The necessity of reinforcing Ligonier, Bedford, and Cumberland is evident, but there are no Provincial troops to send.

I shall endeavour to collect the Men scattered in the Province (with or without furlough) by an advertisement, and in the Mean time send what men can be spared at Carlisle & Shippensburg, or any other way to Ligonier.

There would be some difficulties with this obstinate people, to procure the necessary carriages 'till their accounts are paid, but that obstacle would be removed by ready money.

The Assembly seems to proceed with slow pace to the raising of their supplies, and by their dilatory spirit will lose as usual so much time, that their Troops will be of no service for the beginning of the Campaign.

In consequence of your Orders received Yesterday I directed Lieut. Basset Engineer to proceed to Fort Ligonier. Capt. Dudgeon being ordered to Carolina, & Capt. Gordon home.

Sir John D. Blair is come to Town, & has called in the accounts of the Waggons, but as there will appear great imposition, they cannot be settled without Commissioners, and as it would be a hardship for the people of the frontiers to be obliged to come to Philadelphia,

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they would be better pleased, if you would indulge them in appointing also Commissioners at Lancaster.

March 22d: I received, and transmitted your or=
=ders of the 16th: to Col: Mercer, Lt: Col. Lloyd, and the Officers commanding in the Posts upon the com=
=munication.

Col: Byrd arrived Yesterday, and delivered me your Letter of the 18th: I shall give him all the assistance in my power.

His Regt: cannot be sent to Ligonier till Provisions can be laid there.

Endorsed Extracts of Letters from / Colonel Bouquet / to M. Gen: Amherst / March 1759. / State of the Affairs to the / Southward / in M. G. Amhersts of March 29. 1759 / 71.

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C.O. 5:54

Extracts from Genl. Amherst's letters to Col. Bouquet.

March 9th I find there is no Engineer at Pittsburg, or in any of the Posts of the communication. As all the Artillery Stores &c are at Fort Ligonier, one Engineer should be there, that he may be at hand to go to any place that his duty as an Engineer may call him to, And unless Br. Genl. Forbes has, from some particular reasons, ordered them to Philadelphia, or that their attendance there is wanted, You will please to order one up to Fort Ligonier, or such post on the communication, as you judge will best answer the service he may be called on.

Should the state of Br. Genl. Forbes's health be such as to permit him to do any business, You will in that case be so good to inform him of what I have wrote to you, as far as you think proper without giving him any trouble.

I send you inclosed a copy of a letter I have wrote to the D. Q. Master General, and I must desire you will please to quiet the People at Philadelphia, who seem to be uneasy about their accounts, and acquaint them that everything shall be settled, as fast as the service will permit of it.

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March 13th. On the ill state of health of Br. Forbes, I ordered Br. Gl. Morekton from Halifax, that he might be ready to take the command of the Troops to the Southward, as I thought it would be absolutly necessary that a General Officer should be there; the Brigadier arrived here last night, and I shall either send him, or bring him with me to Philadelphia, and 'till his arrival there, you will please to take on you the command of the Troops, which of course devolves on you, and which I should not think of putting into other hands, but from the necessity you yourself must too well know there is, of having a General Offier for that department, and that I am certain you will be very glad to have one there.

March 16th. Altho' I cannot give credit to the intelligence contained in Col: Mercer's letter, by reason of its coming from the Indians, yet it is necessary for us, to be as much on our guard, as if we were certain of the truth of it; and you will accordingly give such directions to Col: Mercer, to hinder as much as possible the Enemy's cutting off the supplies of our advanced Post.

I am much obliged to you, for your report of the situation of the French, and of our Garrison; which I have not had from Br. Genl. Forbes.

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I am sensible, that the Fort at Pittsburg is small, but at the same time I am also convinced, that if Col: Mercer, and the Garrison it contains do their duty, and in case of an attack make the defence they ought, no force the Enemy can be supposed to bring against it, if without artillery, can oblige him to retire, and in my opinion it is not likely that at this season, the enemy will be able to bring any with them; and as he can always be reinforced from Fort Ligonier, you must direct him to defend his Fort to the utmost extremity, for if it is not, it might as well not have been built.

From the reasons above I have as little apprehensions of danger, for Fort Ligonier as for Pittsburg, nevertheless as it is a Post of the greatest consequence, great care must be taken to keep it in a respectable condition, and all means must be used to protect, and defend it; and I hope we shall soon have Provincials to reinforce every one of those in the communication.

Mean while, lest the Enemy should make any attempt, you will give orders, that upon the first certain intelligence, or notice of their approach, every one of the Garrisons in the communication do move at once, which will forward a reinforcement to Pittsburg, in a far shorter time

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than a month, which thro' its distance from Phila:
=delphia, if the troops were to be sent from thence,
might perhaps take up that time; but Ligonier
which is by far more distant from Pittsburg than
any of the other posts are from each other, is only
fifty Miles, and of course can relieve the latter
in a very short time, and I am told the road
is perfectly good from Ligonier to Pittsburg.

I approve of the step you have taken to col=
=lect the scatter'd men, & of your sending those that
can be spared from Carlisle, Shippensburg, or any other
way to Ligonier

I propose forthwith to dispatch Col: Byrd, in
order to forward the levying, cloathing, & equipping
the Virginia troops, and from his Zeal for the ser=
=vice, I make no doubt but he will hasten it
to his utmost, & enable us to secure every thing.

I hope the Pensilvanians will not stand
so much in their light, as to retard the rais=
=ing their Quotas and granting the proper supplies
to equip them without delay, as well as to fur=
=nish the necessary carriages, for which they cer=
=tainly can have no excuse; that of their differing
it, 'till their accounts are paid, is the most
frivolous; since I have caused them to be assured
by their Governour that justice should be done them,

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and that in order thereto, I have directed Sir John St. Clair to call in their accounts, which I am glad to find he has done, so soon therefore as I can get to Philadelphia, I will have them put into proper hands in order to be settled, and paid.

Brig: Gen: Monckton who was come here, in order to proceed to the command I had allotted him, of which I informed you in my last, having by His Majesty been appointed to a different service, I have thought proper to send Brig: Gen: Stanwix to the Southward, and he is to set out very soon; I mean while I must desire you will continue to conduct every thing with your usual care, and diligence, and to do, whatever the Exigencies may require, and you shall judge most for the good of the service, and the security and protection of Pittsburg, and the communication.

I should think that Fort Ligonier, from the description I have of the ground about it, its distance from Pittsburg, and the facility there will be, to take the Provisions there, would be the proper place to have a Corps of Troops, for the security of Pittsburg, the Post itself, and the whole communication.

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Pittsburg tho a post of the greatest imp=
=portance, and that I would not loose on any
consideration appears to me to be, to hinder the
enemy from advancing that way, and will not
answer carrying on any offensive Operations farther
than dislodging the enemy from their posts. I shall
therefore hope the Provincial troops with some
small assistance will be able to secure their fron=
=tiers, when the Enemy will have employment
enough on other sides, and that I may at least
join the four Companies of the first Battn to the six
that are here, for which you will make your dis=
=position on the first opportunity in relieving or rein=
=forcing the Post, that those four Companies may be
ready to march this way when orderd.

So soon as I hear of Gov: Fauquier's being
on his road to Philadelphia, I shall set out to
meet him, my business there, will not permit
me to stay there more than two or three days.

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State of Affairs to the/ Southward/ in M.G. Amherst of March
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New York March 7th 1759.~

Sir

Yor: Derry having acquainted me, that it would be difficult to obtain Waggons and other Requisites for the Service of the ensuing Campaign unless the Accounts of last year are first settled, I do in Answer thereto, tell him that I should direct You to call in all those Accounts, and hold them prepared for Examination against my Arrival at Philadelphia, which will be in a few Days; You will therefore upon Receipt hereof, set about it, & make me during my stay there which will not be above a Couple of Days, to have the Necessary Directions with the Person whom I shall leave in the Command of the Southward, to furnish Matters with the Publick to their satisfaction, which will greatly tend to facilitate and forward the Operations of next Summer. I am &a

To Sr: John St: Clair Bart:

Endorsed To Sr: John St: Clair / March 7th: 1759 / Orders forthwith to call in the outstanding / Accounts of the Expences incurred last Year for / the Operations to the Southward / in N. Y. Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 73.

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New York March 16th 1759.

Dear Sir

As it is become absolutely necessary on the Death of Brigr. Gen: Forbes, that an Officer of Rank and Experi=ence Should without loss of Time proceed to Pensylvania to take on him the Command of His Majestys Forces in Conjunction with the Forces directed to be raised in the Southern Provinces as by Mr. Secretary Pitts Letter of the 9th of December in Consequence of which I wrote to the Several Governors; and herewith enclose you Copies of the above Letters.

I must for the above Reasons, desire that you will please to repair to Philadelphia & to take on you the Command of the Troops, and that You will im=mediately make Such Dispositions as will remove all Dangers which Seem to threaten the important Post of Pittsburg, to which Intelligence I indeed can give no Credit, but Nevertheless all Measures must be Taken to Secure that Post, & to ensure a Communication to it, and I imagine that will easily be effected by encamping a proper Corps at Fort Ligonier.

The Situation of Pittsburg appears to me to be Such as not to Admit carrying on any offensive Operations with great Numbers from the Distance and very great Expence that must attend the tak=ing up Provisions; When the Enemy is Otherwise em=

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:ployed and can't send Reinforcements that Way, which I fear will Soon be the Case, a Small Number might Act and clear every thing to the Lake, there is nothing but Presque Isle, & I don't See that a larger Force can do more, as nothing can be done to the Right or the Left but what can be much more easily Executed from the Mohawks River or from Carolina or the Mississippi, Ni:=agara is every thing on the Right and I Know of Noth:=ing between Fort du Quesne and Fort Assumption and Pontchartrain which are at an immense Distance from Pittsburg.

I shall be glad that you will on the Spot in:=form Yourself of the thorough State of the present Appear:=ances of Things, from whence You will better judge how far it may be expedient for carrying on any offensive Operations which may most annoy the Enemy from Pitt:=burg or from the Frontiers of any of the Southern Colonies on the Continent.

I enclose You a Warrant for holding of Gen:=eral Courts Martial as likewise one for the Say:=ment of the Subsistance and Such Contingencies as may be wanted, with Copies of Letters to Col: Bouquet and Lt: John Lt: Clair as far as Regard any Material Orders I have given Since Brig: Forbes is not being capable of Business.

The Several Complicated Accounts of the whole

Campaign, which I am told are all unsettled, requires your Care, that they may be all so far fin:=ished, that the Peple concern'd may not be Suf:=ferers or the Government imposed upon. –

I am &c.

Brig: Genl: Stanwix

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / M: G: Amherst to / Brig: Gen: Stanwix / March 16th 1759 / Instructions upon his being Appointed to the / Command of the Southward & Orders to repair / thither. / in Mr. G. Amherst's of March 29. 1759 / 74.

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Extract of a Letter from M: Gen: Amherst to to Brig: G: Stanwix Dated New York 29th March 1759.

D: Sir,

The Packet boat which Arrived late last night has given me enough to do, as I shall now directly dispatch One, as there are three in Port here; Wanted first an Answer from Boston, but none comes, so I will wait no longer, but inform them in England of all I know.

M: Secretary Pitt has sent me Letters for the Governors of Virginia. Maryland and Pensylvania, with a Copy of the said Letters, and an Extract of a Letter from M: Pitt to Brig: Genl: Forbes: I forwarded the Governor's Letters by Express, and at the same time I wrote to them, Copys of the whole I enclose to You for Your information; and as the best direction for Your Pursuing the Orders intended by His Majesty to be Executed by Brig: Gen: Forbes, which You will now Receive as Instructions to Yourself.

Lt Colonel Robertson has Applyd to You for Assistance in taking up Transports; We can't have them too soon -

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / M: Gen: Amherst to / Brig: Gen: Stanwix / Dat: New York March 29th 1759. In Consequence of M: Secret: / Pitts Letter of the 23d Jan: / to Brig: Forbes. - / in M. G. Amherst's of March 29: 1759. / 75.

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New York April 16th 1759.

Sir

Since I last did myself the honour of writ=
=ing to you on the 29th of March by Leicester Packet
I have received on the 3d Instant, by an Express from
Virginia where His Majesty's Ship Seostaffe put in,
Your Letter of the 29th of December with the several
Copys and duplicates of Letters of which I have ack=
=nowledged the receipt by mine of the 29th of March
when I acquainted you of my receiving your dup=
=licate of the 29 of December.

On the 7th Instant Capt: Schomberg of the
Diana Man of War arrived here and I received
at Brunswick where I was in my way to Phila=
=delphia your Letter of the 12th of January with two
Letters of the 10th of February, and a Copy of the se=
=cret Instructions to Gen: General Wolfe: I shall
pay all due dedience to the contents of the above
letters, and shall try to execute every part that
may depend on me to the best of my capacity,
that His Majesty's gracious Intentions may be com=
=pleatly effected.

On my receiving from Boston satisfactory an=
=swers to the demands I had made for 2500
Provincials, and to the orders I had given for
the embarkation, and finding every thing was

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going on well there, I thought it necessary to go to Pen=
=sylvania as Gr: General Stanwix pressed it; on my
arrival at Philadelphia I made use of all the ar=
=guments I thought best for persuading the Speaker
of the Assembly and some of the principal Members
to pass the supply bill, but I found them so deter=
=mined as gave me little hopes of success, on which
I thought a message might have some effect, but that
had not the consequence I designed, and I found my=
=self obliged on coming away to write to the Gov=
=ernor to desire him to move the proprietary
Instructions, for if the Assembly broke up without
passing the bill, not a man could be raised and
the remains of the 1400 men supposed to be kept up
would be disbanded in a weeks time: the Governour
has not yet returned me an answer to my letter,
which was the last means I had left, and I hope
you will not disapprove of it, as the raising the
provincial Troops in Pensylvania is so absolutely ne=
=cessary for carrying on the Kings commands on
that side: I have settled Matters with the Chiefs
of the Indians who were waiting there and sent
them away in a good humour.

I have received a report from Major Morris
comanding at Fort Frederick on St. Johns River in
the bay of Fundy that Capt M[c]: Cuddy comanding

the ranging company there was, when on a scout, killed by the fall of a tree, that Lt Kazzen afterwards march=ed with a party up the river St: Johns on the 19th: of Febv: went up higher than St: Annes burnt and destroyed the village, took Six prisoners, killed six, and five made their escape, he returned to the Frt on the 5th: of March with his prisoners and without the loss of a Man, one of the Prisoners whose name is Beaubeyour has a commission from Monsieur de Galissoniere in 1749 as Major of Militia for the river St: Johns, by the intelligence it appears that the chief part of the Inhabitants belonging to this river went to Canada last fall, that their num=bers before the English Troops came there consisted only of forty Familys; that fourteen or fiftean Familys mostly young men, that escaped from Annapolis Royal in 1755, were settled at Grimross, which was des=troyed by Br: Genral Monckton, the rest of the Inhabitants went to Canada on Brigadier Monck=tons taking post at St: johns, and now that Lt: Kazzen has burnt upwards of a hundred build=ings, killed the cattle and destroyed the provisions, it will not be possible for the Enemy to take any hold there.

Some scalping Partys have appeared near our posts since my last letter, but have done no great

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mischief near Fort Miller one Man has been scalped, and another taken off prisoner, and one of the Enemys Indians killed by a Serjeant.

I have ordered the first Battalion of Royal Americans to the Service under the command of Brigadier General Haviz, as he chose to have this Battalion with the Brittish Provincials.

Lasselle is assembled at Amboy ready to embark, nine Compys of Frasers are arrived here. the remainder of that Regiment which is coming from the upper part of the Mohawk river I expect soon, and I shall send those two Regiments off, without a moments loss of time for Louisburg. the most distant Regiments for the service up the Hudsons River are in motion, Montgomerys I have ordered to join the Army at Lake George.

I shall soon set out for Albany and I shall there pursue every measure I think most conducive for pushing on the war with vigour, and I hope successes; the operations may, and certainly will vary from the motions of the Enemy and appearances of things at a nearer view, So that I will not venture to say positively what I shall do, but I will do what appears to me best, with a due regard to the Instructions and a strict Obedience to the orders I have received.

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On the 13th Instant His Majestys Ships Lizard and Trent came in here, the Leostaffe was met at Sea going to Halifax, only two of the Transports are yet arrived, they have had very bad weather and sup=:pose the Fleet dispersed, but this will not hinder the Embarkation of the Troops from hence or Boston, and I shall send Transports as fast as possible to Halifax.

I omitted mentioning to you, Sir, in my last Letter that I had provided Rum and Molasses suf=:ficient for the use of the Troops on the expedition up the River St. Laurence, and I have an account from Boston that thirty five Cattle were sent last week to Louisburg and that sixty will be sent weekly, so that I hope the Troops will find a supply of every thing that will be wanted.

Brigadier General Prideaux, arrived here in the Diana, and Brigadier General Monckton is sailed this day for Halifax.

I enclose to you all Copys or Extracts of Letters that I imagine can tend towards giving you a full information of every step I have taken since my last Letter. I am with the utmost Respect / Sir

Your most Humble and most Obedient

Servant Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. I return you your Letter directed to Br. General Forbes. J. A.

Rt. Honble. Mr. Pitt

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Schedule of Papers referred to in Major General Amherst's Letter to the Rt. Honble William Pitt Esqr: of the 15th April 1759.

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1. Copy of a Letter from Govr Wentworth to M. Gen. Amherst, In answer to the General's of the 15th and 25th March; Copies of which have been transmitted with his Dispatches of the 29th of same Month . . . . April 5th 1759.

2. Extract of a Letter from Govr Dunrall to M.G. Amherst; That he has moved the Assembly for an Augmentation, and desiring the Genral to Write strongly in Support thereof March 29th.

3. Copy of Govr Dunrall's Message to his Council & Assembly, together with their Answer, Enclosed in the Govrs of the 29th relative to the Augmentation . . . . . March 26th.

4. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Govr Dunrall; In Answer to the Govrs of the 29th March, Enforcing his Motion for an Augmentation of the Massachusetts Troops. April 5th.

5. Extract of a Letter from Govr Fitch to M. G. Amherst; That the Assembly of Connecticut have Voted 360 Men; and desiring that they may be Allowed to Come by Water instead of by Land; and to have

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four pences allowed to them in lieu of
Provisions . . . . . March 30th

6. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Gov.
Pitch; In Answer to the Gov.r of the 30th
March, recommending an Augmentation
of Troops, and consenting to their coming
by Water, and to their Receiving the
four pences in lieu of Provisions . . . April 6th

7. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Gov.
Denny; Desiring his Assistance to Brig.r
Stanwix, in the Appointment of Commis-
-sioners, to Settle the last Years out-
-standing Accounts to the Southward - March 30th

8. Copy of a Letter from Gov.r Fauquier to M. G.
Amherst; Accompanying his Speech to
the Assembly in Consequence of Mr. Pitt's
Letter of the 9th Dec.r and the Generals
of the 16th Feb.ry; with the Address of the
Assembly Voting only 1000 Men . . . Mar: 11th 1759

9. Copy of Gov.r Fauquier's Speech to the House of
Burgesses, Enclosed in his Letter of the
11th March.

10. Copy of the Address of the House of Burgesses
to Gov.r Fauquier, Enclosed in the Gov.rs
of the 11th March . . . . .

11. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Gov.r

Fauquier; In Answer to the Govr. of the 11th:
recommending an Augmentation of the Vir=
=ginia Troops . . . . . Mar. 30th.

12. Copy of a Letter from Govr: Fauquier to M. G.
Amherst That he could not Obtain more
than 1000 Men, for the Operations of
the Ensuing Campaign; but that the As=
=sembly had raised 500 for the protection
of their Frontiers . . . . . April 3d.

13. Copy of a Letter from Govr: Lyttelton to M. G.
Amherst, In Answer to the Generals of
the 16th: February, in Consequence of Mr:
Secretary Pitts of the 9th December . . Mar: 16th:

14. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B. G.
Stanwix, Relative to the Accounts that
are outstanding to the Southward since
last Campaign, with Directions to ap:
=point Commissioners to Settle the Same Mar: 31st:

15. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B. G.
Stanwix; Relative to the Affairs to the
Southward . . . . . April 5th:

16. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B.
G. Whitmore, to make all the Prepara=
=tions necessary for the Troops which
are to Rendezvous at Louisbourg . . Mar: 30th:

17. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B.

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G. Whitmore; Enclosing a Regulation of the Baggage and Forrage Money to the Troops Serving in North America, with Orders to Grant the same to the Garrison of Louisbourg; together with further Directions relative to the Expedition agst Quebec -- April 5th:

18. Copy of Regulation of Baggage and Forrage Money for the Campaign 1759, Enclosed to Brigr. Lawrence and Whitmore - - - April 6th. 1759.

19. Copy of M. G. Amherst's Orders at the Foot of the Regulation for Baggage and Forrage Money, Enclosed to Brigr. Lawrence and Whitmore - - - - - - April 6th:

20. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B. G. Lawrence; Directions to relieve the Officer and Men of the Artillery at St. John's, by a Detachment from the Garrison at Halifax, and to Send the former to Join the Army here - - - - - March 30th:

21. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to B. G. Lawrence; Enclosing a Regulation of the Baggage and Forrage Money Granted to the Troops serving in North America, with Orders to Grant the same to the Regts Ordered from his Govermt. on the Expedition to Quebec - - - - April 6th:

22. Copy of Letter from M.G. Amherst to B.G. Lawrence; upon Sundry Matters touching the Service of Nova Scotia as well as the Quebec Expedition. - - - - - April 14th:

23. Copy of a Letter from M.G. Amherst to B.G. Monckton; Directions to proceed to Halifax, so as to be at Louisburg by the time prescribed by His Majesty; and, for his Information. Enclosing Copies of the several Orders sent to Brigrs Whitmore and Lawrence relative to the Expedition against Quebec. - - - - - April 5th:

N.B. The above Orders having already been transmitted to Rt: Secretary Pitt with the General's Letter of the 29th: March, they are not added here. - - - -

24 Copy of a Letter from M.G. Amherst to Colo: Williamson; Authorizing him to Appoint Capt: Godwin to Act as Major during the Expedition against Quebec, and to allow him 5/- Pr: day Extra: during said time - - - - - - April 5th:

25 Copy of a Letter from M.G. Amherst to Col: Burton; further directions relative to the Embarkation at Boston, and the Quebec Expedition - - - - - April 5th:

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26. Copy of Letter from M. G. Amherst to Col. Burr. =ton; further directions relative to the Em=barkation at Boston . . . . April 14th =

27. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to R. Adm. Durell; relative to the Manning the Fleet under his Command, either by Seamen from the Government of the Massachusets Bay, or with the Troops in Nova Scotia Ba April 14th =

28. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Capt. Camp=bell of the Nightingale, desiring his As=sistance to Impress Seamen for the use of the Transports destined to Louisburg April 4th =

29. Copy of a Letter from M. G. Amherst to Capt. Campbell of the Nightingale; That not=withstanding his Instructions from Ad=miral Saunders immediately to Sail for Louisburg, it is absolutely necessary he should take the Transports from hence under his Convoy . . . . . April 15th =

30. Copy of a Letter from Capt. Schomberg of the Diana; Desiring him to proceed to Boston, to take under his Convoy the Artillery and Troops Embarking there for Halifax and Louisburg . . . . . April 3d.

31. Copy of Indian Conference held at Philadelphia April 15th 1759.

32. Copy of Message from M. G. Amherst to the As=

=sembly of Pensylvania to induce them immediately to Raise the same Num=
=ber of Men they did the preceding Year, or that he should be Obliged to give over all thoughts of Acting in those parts . . . . . April 10th

:: Copy of a Letter from M.G. Amherst to Gov: Denny setting forth That as notwith=
=standing His Message to the Assembly of the foregoing day, they still Continu=
=ed Obstinate in refusing to pass the Supply Bill, unless Assented to by the Governor, in the manner they had Pro=
=posed, & recommended to them, for the good of the Service, to Waive his Pro=
=prietary Instructions, and to pass it as presented to him . . . April 11th

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / referred to in M: G: Amherst / Letter to the Rt. Honble / William Pitt Esqr / & the 15th April 1759. / in M. G. Amherst of April / 16th 1759.

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C.O. 5: 54

Portsmouth 5th. April 1759.

Sir

I have the Honor of owning the receipt of both Your Letters of the 18th. & 25th. of March, I Shall not fail of giving the necessary Orders to the Captain of the Company to be posted on Connecticut River to follow Such Orders as he may receive from Capt. Brodstreets, and Shall Acquaint him with the disposition I have made, and desire him to make Such Alterations, as he may Judge will conduce most to the Safety of that frontier. — The Company Posted as above will be under Your Excellency's Command, or the Officer You appoint to Command in that Quarter, so that after they Arrive there no Difficulty can Arise.

The Exceeding bad Weather we had all the Month of March, has retarded the Levys greatly, in somuch that I Shall not have it in my power to march the Connecticut River Company untill the latter end of next week, which gives me a good deal of concern, but as it is unavoidable, it must be Submitted to. —

I, am well Acquainted with the Situa=-tion of those People, and the Necessity there is of a Speedy protection, and Shall therefore exert myself to the utmost in Marching this Company. —

I am greatly pleased with the Measures You

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have directed to, for Conveying the Regiments from this Province to Albany, & altho the money allowed will be Short of the Expence, Yet the Government must make it up, for the Convenicney it will be to the Men, which will be very Considerable, besides the Men will be fit for immediate Service, whereas, if they had Marched by Land, many little things which they cannot do without, would have been fatiguing in so long a March, & Some time must have been allowed for Resting

Your directions Shall be Observed in Trans=
=mitting Rolls of the Several Companies properly Authenticated, & great care Shall be Taken in the Must=
=ers here, that none may be rejected when the Regiment Arrives at Albany unless it be for want of Size, which in the Provincial Service we have no regard to.

There has been Some damp in the Levys in this Province, on Account of the short grants made by the Massachusetts, & Connecticut Colonies, to what they made last Year, and as this Gov=
=ernment have exceeded the last Years grant, if the Men can be had, it created a General Un=
=easiness, which lasted a Week before I could Reconcile the Matter, but we have got now pretty easy; and hope nothing but contrary Winds can

prevent the New Hampshire Regiments Arrival at farthest, at New York, the first Week in May.

You may be assured that my diligence in this branch of His Majesty's Service shall not be wanting to effect it.

I am &c.

B Wentworth

Copy.

His Excellency
General Amherst

Endorsed/ Copy/ of a Letter from/ Governor Went:-worth to/ Majr: Genl: Amherst/ April 5th: 1759/ In Answer to the Generals of the 15th: & 25th: March/ Copies of which have been Transmitted with his/ dispatches of the 29th of same Month./ in No. 7. Amherst's of April 16: 1759/ 1.

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Extract of a Letter from Governor Pownall to
M. G. Amherst, Dated at Boston, March 29th 1759.

Sir,

I Write this by Express in hopes to receive Your Answer before the Court meets again on the 11th of April.

Upon the Receipt of Mr. Pitt's Letter by Major Scott, I further Moved the Court, and Recommended to them, by the Inclosed Message, their Duty to Do now what was required of them; They immediately went into a Large Committee of both Houses upon my Message, and tho' the Committee reported an Augmentation of 2,000, those on the Frontiers of the Province included, Yet by the Inclosed Address You See how far they have Acted upon it.

It was to no good purpose, Either to Every bad One, after this to keep them Sitting, and therefore the Impress being on the 6th The Muster on the 9th I have Adjourned them to the 11th of April.

I cannot positively Say what they will do; but if I can by any means Conduct the Matter so as to get Boston Excused its Quota, I am not without hopes of carrying the Point; The County of Hampshire in my Province is like Yorkshire in England, goes together, and carries great Weight; Their Quota of the 2,000 Men will not be much

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above 100, and as You have a hundred Regulars (The Independent Company) at N°. 4 if You will draw off those so that the next Levy of Hampshire People may Do Duty there, I think I can bring that Num-ber into the Measure, and it will be the same, may better I think, to have with You 100 Regulars than 100 of the Last Draughts of a Militia, whereas Such may be good enough to do Duty at N°. 4. ~

I Must beg You to Write very strong for more Men in Your Answer, and hint at the Danger they run of Loosing the Compensation, if they refuse to Comply; I must beg You will Send the Express back as soon as Possible that he may get here by the 11th.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Govr. Fenwick to M. G. Amherst / Datd at Boston March 29th 1759. / That he has moved the Assembly for an Augmentation / and desiring the General to write strongly his support / thereof. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16. 1759. / 2.

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Gentlemen of the Council
And House of Representatives -

When the Province is so Strongly by repeated Orders from His Majesty urged to raise at least as many men as it did last Year. And when the very object that the Province has ever Aimed at Since it was a Province is become verily the Object of His Majesty's Councils and Armaments. And when that very Service in which the Country Always desired their People might be employed is become the Service in Aid and Assistance to which they are destined.

When the Province is so happy to See that day wherein the very Object and Measures it always wished for pursued, You can by no means Stand excused to the King and Nation of Great Britain. if You fail them at this long wished for Critical moment.

And if by any Deficiency of Zeal in this Pro: vince at this decisive Crisis the glorious Object Should be lost and the Crisis now upon the Turn Should (sic.) turn against the British Empire, You never to the latest time can Stand excused to Your Country, this Province, if amid these Objects in which the Welfare and being of the Colonies is essentially connected, any lesser Considerations can move Minds unmoved before, let them Consider how far the failing in our duty now at this last and Critical Moment may depreciate

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the faithfull Services of an hundred Years.

If it be in Your Hearts to Join Your King and Mother Country now, now Shew your Zeal: as to the ways and Means of compleating Efforts that call for Your whole Strength, I must refer wholly to You.

J. Pownall

Copy

Council Chamber
26th. March 1759 ~

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C.O.5:54

May it Please Your Excellency -

The importance of the Service which Your Ex: =cellency has So Warmly recommended to the Two Houses has induced them to come into measures for Raising a Number of Men, which they at present apprehend equal to the Abilities of the Province; especially considering how many have already en: =tered into other Services; Notwithstanding which, if After the Raising the Men already Voted, the Ne: =cessity of the Service and State & Circumstances of the Government will Admit, we Shall be Still Willing to exert ourselves to the Utmost, but as it is Necessary that the Several Members of the Court should be at their respective Towns to en: =courage the Levies Already Voted They are desirous (if your Excellency thinks proper) of having a Short Recess; And when they come together again, After the Time appointed for the Completing of the Said Levies, they will be better able to judge how far it is in their Power to exert themselves further.

Endorsed Copy/ of a Message from/ the Govr: of the Mas: =sachusetts/ Bay to his Council & Assembly/ together with their Answer/ Boston 26th: March 1759/ Enclosed in the Govr: of the 29th:/ relative to the Augmentation/ in No. 4. Amherst's of April 16: 1759/ 3.

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New York 5th. April 1759–

Sir

Wier the Express is just arrived with Your Letter of the 29th. Ultimo, accompanying Your Message to the Council & House of Representatives recommending to them an Augmentation of the Troops they had Voted for the Services of the ensuing Campaign, which as I mentioned to You in a former Letter, were far Short of what I had Expected from the present Circumstances of Affairs at this Crisis, and from the Strong Conjunctions in Mr. Secretary Pitts Letter, that their Numbers Should not be less than the preceeding Year, but as many more as the Number of Its Inhabitants might allow and as those Gentlemen cannot but be Sensible that the Abilities of the Province far Exceed 5000 Men, and that by a Vigorous Exertion of those Abilities in Conjunction with the other Colonies & His Majestys Regular Forces, this Campaign must in all human probability put an end to the War I Trust they would not be reputed to have Contributed to so desireable an end less in proportion than their Neighbours nor frustrate themselves of the Compensation which the Secretary of State had His Majesty's permission to make them hope for in case they did their utmost upon this Occasion; I flatter myself therefore, that Notwithstand-

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=ing they did not come to any resolution upon Your most proper and well Calculated Message, that when they do meet again upon the 11th: they will most Chearfully & unanimously Augment their former Vote, to at least the Same Number with that of last Year, which I have already hinted must be productive of the Happiest Consequences to the whole Continent by securing unto them the uninterrupted Enj=joyment of their possessions & properties, than which they have nothing so much to hope or wish for.

And as the Time for Assembling the Troops is so near at hand, I hope I Shall not be long without Your Answer, intimating that the Pro=vince of the Massachusetts Bay, in this as u=pon all former Occasions, has out of their usual Zeal and at the above recommendations, Exerted themselves to the utmost of their Abilities, by con=tributing at least as large a Body of Men for the ensuing Campaign, as they did for the preceeding.

I am &c

His Excellency Gov: Pownall

Endorsed To Governor Pownall/ April 5th 1759/ In An=swer to the Govr of the 29th March Enforcing/ his motion for an Augmentation of the Massachusetts/ Troops/ in N. G. Amherst's of April 16. 1759 / 4.

Extract of a Letter from Governor Fitch to M. Gen: Amherst, Dated at Norwalk, March 30th 1759. –

Sir,

I Take the first Opportunity after my Return from the Assembly to Acquaint You they have Voted to Raise 3,600 Men, including Officers, for the Service of the Ensuing Campaign, and in case the Companies are not filled up, on the 16th of April by Enlistments, they are forthwith to be Completed by Detachment and Impresses: The Assembly has also made Provision and given Encouragement for Augmenting the Num=-ber, if it shall be found practicable by Voluntary Enlistments to Four Thousand. but not to Compell by Detachments a greater Number than 3600. or what may happen to be Wanting of that, by the middle of next Month.

Special Provision is made for Engaging the Old Troops, most of which that are Living and Able it is Expected will Enter into the Ser=-vice; If so, I Trust, they will be better in Service than a Larger number of Men quite New; This Number is a greater proportion of Our Inhabitants than is Voted by any other Government.

I Hope they will soon be Collected, and I Int=-end to Order them to March to the Place of

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Rendezvous as soon as possible.

In regard to the Contents of Your Letter of the 26th: which I received Yesterday, I must ac=quaint You, that in Consequence of what You Wrote me by Your Letter of the 6th: Instant, I informed the Assembly and Officers, and have also Inserted among other Matters in a Proclamation issued for the Encour=agement of Men to Enlist, that the Troops would be Entitled to Provisions or £4 Sterling Per diem in lieu thereof, from the Day of their Enlistment to that of their Arrival to the Place of Rendezvous.

I Also informed them it would be necessary for them to be Carefully Mustered, and provided with Proper Certificates and Attestations, agreable to Your Directions.

I Have Appointed Each Colonel to March his own Regiment, and shall direct they pass none but able Bodied Effective Men, as Every One they pass will be Entitled to the Encouragments given, and I make no doubt they will faithfully Discharge the Trust; I have informed them You had assured me if any of the Troops should go by Water, their Freight should be paid, at the rate of 6/- New York Currency P.r Man, and that proper Certificates must be Transmitted of the Number that shall so Embark.

This method was practised last Year, which

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General Abercromby highly Commended, as it would be a Means of Saving the Men from the fatigues of a long March, with heavy Packs, which they must be Obliged to Carry, by reason they must take Cloath=-ing for the Campaign, and some few other Neces=-saries, and would also rather forward than Re=-tard their Arrival at Albany.

I Have already signified to the Officers my Approbation of their taking their passage by Water, in those Cases where they Live near the Seaboard, and can easily Embark, and as far as it can conveniently be done I Concluded it was best to go into that Way.

And as it was to me uncertain before I received Your Letter of the 26th: Whether any Reso=-lutions had been Come into for Establishing Magazines of Provisions for Supplying those of the Troops who should March by Land, I advised the Colonels not to give You or the Contractors any Trouble about that Matter, but to take Care, as far as they found it necessary, to provide for them, and take only the 4d: Per diem, which as it would be a Saving to the Crown, and might be done without giving You any Trouble, I presumed would be most agreable; however if it be best the Contractors do it, I make no Objection,

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tat ally must dequaint You, many of the Troops, especially in the Nothern Part of the Government, travel when they go by Land, wide of both Hart: -ford and Litchfield, and can Receive no benefit of the Stores there, and many from the Eastward travel 50 or 60 Miles, before their Arrival at either of these Places.

I Thought it necessary to give You a short Ac: -count of these Matters that You might have the better Advantage in determining whether it will be best to be at the Expence and Trouble of the method You proposed, or how far it might be Expedient to proceed therein.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Gov.r Fitch to M.r Y. Amherst. / Dat.d Norwalk March 30.th 1759 / That the Assembly of Connecticut have voted 3600 / Men, and desiring that they may be allowed to come / by Water instead of by Land; and to have four pence / allowed to them in lieu of provisions. / in M.r Y. Amherst of April 16: 1759 / 5.

New York 6th April 1759.

Sir

I am Sorry to find by Yours of the 30th Ultimo, that the Colony of Connecticut, upon this Urgent Important, and decisive Crisis, should have Voted a smaller number of Men, for the Services of the Ensuing Campaign than what they did for the last, Particularly after the strong recommendations Con=tained in Mr. Secretary Pitt's Letter, that the numbers should not be less, but as many more as the Inhabi=tants of the Colony might allow of. which You are sensible is far beyond 5000 Men; I Trust, therefore, if they are willing to be Entitled to the Compensa=tion the Secretary of State had the Kings permission to make them hope for in case of a stronger Exertion of their Abilities, that they will at Your Recommen=dation, upon the Receipt hereof, Proceed to Vote an Augmentation, and fully and in every Respect An=swer his Majesty's Expectations.

I am very glad that special Provision is made for Engaging the Old Troops, which certainly must be much better than Raw undisciplined Ones, and I beg You will return the Assembly my thanks for so wise a Measure.

As to the Magazines, I mentioned to You in my former Letter, were already preparing, I do at

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Your Instance, and for the Reasons You Assign by this Conveyance countermand them, and Your Men shall have the Four pence in lieu of Provisions.

And as I am very desirous of Obliging the Colony of Connecticut, and to save their Men a long and fatiguing March, I likewise Acquiesce with Your Request of such as live near the Sea Coast, coming by Water; You will therefore be so good as to Enforce Your Directions relative to the Stating the Accounts that will Attend such Victualling and Embarka:-tion in the manner I mentioned to You, and which I see You have already communicated to them.

I am &c.a —

The Gov.r of Conn.t

Endorsed To Gov.r Fitch / April 6.th 1759. / In Answer to the Gov.r of the 30.th March, recommending an Augmenta:-tion of Troops & consenting to their coming by Water, and to their receiving the four pence in lieu of Provisions. / in N. Y. Answer of April 16. 1759 / 6.

C.O.5:54

New York, March 30th. 1759 -

Sir/

Agreable to my Letter of the 7th., I then wrote to Lt. John St. Clair to call in all the outstanding Accounts of Expences incurrid last Year in the Expedition against Fort du Quesne, which I find has been done; but that they are of so intricate and complicated a Nature, as to require a very narrow Inspection to set them in such a Light as will Warrant the Payment of them with Justice to the Crown, & the Persons concerned therein; for which Purpose I am come to a Resolution to follow the Measure pursued in a similar Case after the Demise of General Braddock, by appointing Commissioners to inspect and settle the Same; & to prevent all Partiality on either Side, three Commissioners shall be two on the Part of the Inhabitants and two in Behalf of the Crown, who are to meet as often as possible, and with the utmost Dispatch proceed to the Examination of all such Accounts as shall be brought before them, and that no Time may be lost nor no Pains spared in the careful Inspection of those Accounts, each two Commissioners shall be allowed a Clerk, to transcribe or take down whatever shall be necessary to be committed to writing, during such their Examination, after which they will digest the

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Whole, and Report, thereon in Writing, their Senti=
=ments thereupon, setting forth the Validity or in=
=validity of the Respective Claims, what Part thereof
may have been paid, and finally to determine what
may be still justly due, in which they will have a
strict Regard to the Rules of Justice and Equity; Then,
agreable to such a Report, what Part thereof I think
myself Authorized to discharge, I shall do it without
Delay, the Remainder, if there should be any that I
have Reason to believe I cannot take upon me to
acquit, I will readily transmit to the Kings Minis=
=ters for their Decision; And this I apprehend, You will
run with me, is all I can do in a Transaction
that has happened before I was honoured with the
Command, and to which, from the distance I have
been at, I am an utter Stranger.

The Two Gentlemen I have named in Behalf
of the Crown are Dr. John Fr. Blair the D. Q. M. G.
who from his Station in the Army, and his hav=
=ing been an Eye Witness to the Whole, must be Thor=
=oughly inform'd of every Thing, and be a competent
Judge of what may be justly due, unless Brigr. Stan=
=wix should think Fr. John can be more usefull
in giving those Lights by way of Information to the
Commissioners, in which case he will appoint another
in his Stead) the other is Mr. Barrow, the Depr. Qr.

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M^r: Lyn^l: who being an Accomptant must give great ease to all Matters of Calculation; I do accordingly write to Brig^r: Stanwix to appoint them to act in Conjunction with Alex^r: Stedman Esqr: of Philadelphia, Geo: Stevenson Esqr: Chief Magistrate and of Protho: =tary in the County of York, or M^r: John Ingles likewise of Philadelphia, either two of which I must beg the Favor of You to appoint in like Manner, and as This Must for some Time partly draw their Attention from their own Callings, which merits some Compensa: =tion, you may promise them such a Reward as is usually given upon those Occasions, which I beg may be lumped, and not at so much a Day, which would only tend to protract the Meetings; These Rewards will be paid By Brig^r: Stanwix, whom I have acquainted with the Whole, and have left it to him if he knows of any other Gentleman than the above named three that are more equal to the Task, and whom he should chuse to employ upon this Occasion, to name two such to You, for Your Appointment, which You will please to comply with, and in that Choice to assist the Brig^r: with Your Advice. —

I am &c. —

Yo^r: Derny. —

Endorsed To Govr: Denny / March 30th: 1759 / desiring his Assistance to Brig^r: Stanwix in the / Appointment of Com=: missioners to settle the last / years outstanding Accounts to the Southward. / in N. Y. Amherst's of April 16. 1759 / 7.

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Williamsburgh 11th March 1759.

Sir,

Your Favours of the 11th and 16th February together with Mr Secretary Pitt's Letter of the 9th of Decemr were laid before the House of Burgesses on Tuesday there 6th Instant, having been previously Communicated to His Majesty's Council; I have Enclosed to You the Speech I made them on this Occasion, with the Burgesses Address Consequent thereupon, and my Answer; The Council were under an Adjournment as an Upper House of Legislature, so could Take no Step in that Capacity.

You will See by the Address that it is not thought Expedient I should leave the Colony, to be present at the Meeting at Philadelphia, which I would with great pleasure have Attended, if the Publick Business could possibly have been Carried on here; but the Assembly must have been Prorogued, and Recessed under the President, which would have delayed the Raising Men and Money, the Expediting which was thought of more Consequence to His Majestys Service than my presence at that Meeting could possibly be; But as soon as the Resolutions thereof are made known to me, I will do my utmost to Cooperate with You in every Measure which shall be Concluded on, for the Common good of the Colonies, and I make no doubt by the Disposition

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which appears among all Men, but that the Assembly will Join in any reasonable Plan or Agreement re:-lative to the Trade with the Indians.

Tho I have not Succeeded with the Assembly to Raise the same Number of Men as were Raised last Year, which I really believe from the fatigues of the last Campaign, would be impracticable; (as Every Man in this Colony has Land, and None but Negroes are Labourers) Yet I hope You are Satisfied that I did all in my Power, and that the Address of the House of Burgesses mentions their inability to Sup:-port more than 1000 Men, I am not without hopes that when this Affair is Reassumed in that House, which it is to be this Week, the Number will be Encreased to 1500.

The Command of Our Troops is offered to Col:-onel Byrd, and tho I have not his Express Answ to that Letter; by Other Letters I have Received from him, I look upon him to be the Commander in Chief of all the Troops in the Pay of this Colony for the Ensuing Campaign; Therefore whatever is proper to be Communicated may be safely Deposited with him, and if he takes the Command, will Receive and Execute such Instructions as You shall give him relating thereto.

I Beg of You, Sir, to be Assured that nothing shall be wanting on my part to forward and promote

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His Majestys Service, and the Common Cause, by Every Measure in my Power, and I will use my Endeavours to get the Men, whatever their Numb=er may be, ready to be at the Place of Rendez=vous as soon as they can be Raised and Cloath=ed, which last Article, I fear, cannot be prepar=ed by the Time You mention, but the greatest Expedition shall be used. I am, &c.,

Fran: Fauquier.

To Maj. Genl: Amherst.

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Gov: Fauquier / to M. Gen. Amherst / Dat: Wms burgh March 11th 1759 / Accom=panying his Speech to the Assembly in Consequ: / of Mr: Pitts Letter of the 9 Xber & the Gen: of the 16th / february; with the Address of the Assembly voting / only 100 Men. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16. 1759 / 8.

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The Speech &c

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr: Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.

I have very lately received Letters from Mr: Secretary Pitt, and Major General Amherst, in Relation to this Colonies raising for the ensuing Campaign as large a Number of Men as possible, to Act in Conjunction with the British Forces in offensive Operations Against the Enemies of His Majesty and his Kingdoms, which I propose now to lay before you.

It would argue the highest Vanity in me to imagine that Any perswasions I could use to a brave, free, and loyal People, could add any Weight to the desires of a King who, by extending his care equally over all his Subjects, is deservedly become the great Object of their Affections; Notifyed by a Minister of known Integrity and Zeal for the Welfare of the American Colonies, and recommended by a General of Experienced Valor, Prudence, and Activity; all tending to the great Point of Securing this and the Neighbouring Colonies from any future Encroachments & disturbances from the French and their Indian Allies. Notwithstanding this Conviction, I Should be deficient in the Duty I owe to His Majesty if I did not, in the warmest Manner, Recommend to You to exert Your utmost Force and Strength on this Occasion. The first

in which I have been required to use any Endeavours to influence Your Actions, Since the Appointment I am honored with to take upon me the Administration of Your Affairs. Sorry I am that Your Representations of Inc= =capacity have in Some Measure Stopped my Mouth, for it is not in my Nature to press upon Necessity: But You have the Royal Word, that Strong Recommenda= =tions will be made in Your favor to the British Par= =liament, that You may receive a proper Compensation for Your Expences; And the end in View tends immediatly to Your Advantage while Great Britain, whose Expences have been immense in Defence of this Continent, will reap hers but at Second hand.

By a Letter from Major General Amherst, You will See that I have received an Invitation to meet him and the Governors of the Neighbouring Colonies at Phila= =delphia to Assist at a Consultation for the promoting their Common Interest. If the business of this Session was drawing towards a Conclusion, or if any Expedient could be found out by which during my Absence, it might be carried on to the advancement of his Ma= =jesty's Arms, & to the Ease of you, Gentlemen, I Should be glad to render my Services to both by my Presence at this Meeting. As this is a point of Consequence, and is Attended with Some difficulties, the Advice of this Generall Assembly how to Act in it would be highly

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agreable to me, and I Shall refer it to Your hon:
:sideration, with my Strongest Assurances that my
Greatest Ambition is to be usefull to this Colony
in Any place, and by every Measure which may
be thought to be most conducive thereto.

Endorsed Gov:r Fauquiers Speech to the House/ of Bur:
:gesses/ Enclosed in his Letter of the 11th March 1759./
in Mr. Y. Amherst's of April 16. 1759/ 9.

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March 6th: 1759

To the Honorable Francis Fauquier Esqr. His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

The Humble address of the House of Burgesses

Sir

If any thing could weight to the desires of a King justly distinguished by his Paternal care, equally extended to all his People, Your Honor may assure Your Self it would be the warm and Affectionate Solicitation of a truly Patriot Government

These endearing Motives, joined (with) those that may be reasonably expected to result from a Vigorous prosecution of the Common Cause, do Naturally influence our Consultations in favor of every request that His Majestys Concern for our Welfare may incline him to make, or your Duty induce You to recommend.

How Sorry then must we be, when the incapacity of the Country obliges us to inform Your Honor, that we cannot Support a greater Number of Forces than one Compleat Regiment for the ensuing Campaign. The near approach of the time appointed for the Rendezvous of the Forces that we are now endeavouring to provide for, together with many other Matters of Publick Utility which are Absolutely

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As the Interest of this Colony is the Sole Motive which could induce me to be Absent from it, So I Shall not think of leaving it when that does not require my taking Such a Step.

Endorsed Copy / The Address of the House of Bur=
=gesses to / Govr. Fauquier. / Enclosed in the Govrs
of the 11th: March 1759. / in M. G. Amherst's of
April 16. 1759 / 10.

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New Yourk 30th March 1759.

Sir

I am this Moment favour'd with Yours of the 11th Instant, enclosing Your Speech to the House of Burgesses, on Occasion of Mr Secretary Pitts Letter of the 9th December, And Mine of the 11th & 16th Ultimo, which is so good and so proper a One, that I Should have flatter'd myself with a quite different Address from the Burgesses, than that they presented You; for admitting they may be Some what incapacitated thro the fatigues of last Campaign, is it not their real Interest, at this present urgent, important & decisive Crisis, rather to Augment than diminish their Numbers of last Year. Since by Such an Exertion, they must so much the Earlier bring about a Solid and lasting Peace, & Effectually Secure to themselves the quiet and uninterrupted Enjoyment of their Lives & properties, the Advantages of which are So Obvious, that I had little thoughts of their not doing their utmost to obtain them; And I am Still willing to believe, that in their reassuming this affair, which You Mention was to be the Week after the date of Your Letter, they will not only have weighed these Advantages, but also have Considered the Obedience they Owe to the Recommendations of the best of Kings <u>to raise with all possible Dispatch</u>.

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at least as large a body of Men, as they did for the last Campaign, and even as many more as the Number of its Inhabitants may allow. And that in Conformity there=to, instead of increasing their first Vote to 1500, which you were in hopes of, they will have Augmented it to at least 2000.

From Your Letter of the 2d. Instant I foresaw that it might not be expedient for His Majesty's Ser=vice that You Should leave the Colony at this time, And as the preparations I am making for the Oper=ations of the ensuing Campaign also require my pre=sence here, I immediately declined going to Philadel=phia, unless it would have been practicable for You to have come there, in which Case I Should cer=tainly have met You: of this I Acquainted You in Mine of the 22d. when I likewise inform'd You that I had appointed Brigr. Genl. Stanwix to the Command of the Southward, and begd of You to Correspond & Cooperate with him in every thing that could tend to the good of the Service in those parts, which re=quest I now renew, And in Consequence thereof I shall inform him with the Assurance you give me of Your readyness to Cooperate with me in every Measure which Shall be concluded on for the Com=mon good of the Colonies, And that You make no doubt by the disposition which Appears among all Men,

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but that the Assembly will join in any Reasonable Plan or Agreement relative to the Trade with the Indians; for which I return You most Sincere thanks.

I am very glad to find that the Command of the Virginia Forces is offer'd to Coll: Byrd; upon a very Strong Presumption that it would, and a certainty of his Accepting the Same, I sent him to You about a fortnight ago, in Order to be Aiding and Assisting to You in the forwarding & Expediting the Series and to have them properly Equipped & ready to Set out for the Place of Rendezvous so early as the Season will possibly Admit of their taking the field, Also immediately to Order a de-tachment of his Regiment to Fort Ligonier to be distributed according to the disposition which Coll: Bouquet to whom I had sent directions for that purpose Should make of them; which I hear Coll: Byrd has already done. And from your Zeal and Ability and the Influence You both have in the Colony I make no doubt but You will be able to overcome the little difficulties that might otherwise retard their being ready. I am &c.

Gov: Fauquier

Endorsed To Governor Fauquier/March 30th 1759/ In answer to the Gov: of the 11th: recommending an/Augmentation of the Virginia Troops./in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759/ 11.

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Williamsburgh April 3d 1759.

Sir

I have detained Capt Dean of His Majesty's Ship Sovereign, who came from Europe express with Orders and Instructions for the Commanders & Governors on the Continent, a few Days, in order to send by him the Result of the General Assembly in Relation to the Requisition of His Majesty for the Quota of Troops to be furnished by this Colony. The Burgesses Yesterday pass'd a Bill to raise Pay and Cloath one Regiment of 1000 private Men Compleat, which I have Power to March out of the Colony to Join the rest of His Majestys Forces to Act Offensively against the Enemy. These Shall be raised and Ordered to March to the Gen=eral Rendezvous with the greatest Expedition pos=sible. I used my utmost Endeavours both fruit=fully, by inforcing it in three different Speeches the Necessity of complying with His Majestys Demands, and Privately by shewing the utility of Such Mea=sures to the Members, but I could not obtain another Man. Indeed they have raised a Body of 500, on a different Establishment, to remain at home to protect the Frontiers; But of this Step the only Advantage to his Majesty I see is; that they will not be to be raised if any great Em=ergency Should hereafter induce the Assembly to be

willing to let them March out of the Colony

I most Sincerely wish You Success in all Your Operations, And that this Continent may reap all the Advantages they justly expect from Your Activity and prudence And am &c

Francis Fauquier

Copy

To His Excellency Major
Genral Amherst

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Governor Fauquier to / Major Genl: Amherst / April 3d: 1759 / That he could not obtain more than 1000 Men for / the Operations of the ensu=:ing Campaign, but that / the Assembly had raised 500 for the protection of / their frontiers. / in N. C. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 / 12.

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New York March 31st: 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Was Yesterday favored with Your Letter of the 25th: Instant by Sr: John St: Clair, who has been Detained in his Journey by the badness of the Roads, and diffi=
=culty in Passing the Water.

I Believe the best way for Settling finally all the Accounts will be by Commissioners, for the Satis=
=faction of the People of the Country, and that the Crown may not be Subject to Pay any thing but what is Justly Due; And to Effect this, I think it best to Mix some Country some Military; I Have therefore on the representation of Sir John St: Clair Nom=
=ed to Govr: Denny Three Persons, out of which You will Chuse Two, or take the Three if You like it, or any Others You may think more Proper: — Sir John St: Clair seems to desire to be of the Com=
=mittee; You will best Judge on the Spot whether it will be most for the good of His Majesty's Ser=
=vice to Include him in it, or that he attends to give the Committee all the Information he can, and I beg You will Direct that accordingly.

Mr: Barrow appears to me to be a very proper Person, and if You have no Objection, I think it quite right he should be of it, and that these Accounts may not Spin out to a longer

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time for the finally finishing of them than what is necessary, I propose to Allow to the Gentlemen a Sum for their Services, and not to pay them so much a day.

You will see by my Letter to Governor Denny what I have Writ fully on the above Subject, which I think will lay every thing before You in a clear Light, and that I need not Trouble You any more on it.

Sir John St. Clair Says there are some small Payments due for Carriage since the Taking of Pittsburg, which Brig.r Gen.l Forbes had particularly Promised should be immidiately Paid to Encourage the People performing that Service, and that the Price was Specifyed; if that is so, there is no want of a Determination of the Committee to Settle, and if the Sum is not great, it would be right to Pay the People, to Shew them We are ready to do all We can towards Satisfying them.

The Magazine about the Carriage of Provisions, I fear, is a little too much News Paper Intelligence; if Provisions are to be Carried wherever the Army Marches in America at the Contractor's Expence that would Settle at once all Disputes, but I see no such thing in the Contract; they are to have Three Months Notice where to lay in their Magazines, and then they are Obliged to furnish, at the Expiration of the Three Months, but all Carriages of Provisions from Established

Magazines I imagine, will fall on the Government; however that be, they are to Settle it in England.

I Never Saw the Contract, till t'other Day, I got it of Mr: Killy.

I Approve entirely of the Orders given to Colonel Byrd. — I Have not an Answer yet from Boston. Not a Transport yet Arrived from England; I hear the Fleet was to Sail the 6th of February for Louisbourg. My Letters from England Duplicates.

I am

Dr Sir Jeff: Amherst

P.S. The Enclosed Copy from Governor Fauquier arriv'd here Yesterday by Lieut. Stewart: You have my Answer to it with this.

I Have Received from Mr Secretary Pitt the Melancholy News of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and of Orange, on which I have given Orders, that the Officers of the Army Serving in North America, should go into Mourning, by wearing Crape on their Left Arms; Be so good to give the like Order to the Officers under Your Command

Pray forward the Dispatches for Governor Fauquier by Express, or any other Conveyance that may offer, as You will Judge best.

J. A.

Brig.r Gen.l Stanwix.

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New York 5th April 1759.

Dear Sir,

As I intend that all the Regts Ordered for Ser-
-vice in North America should be exactly on the same
footing, I Enclose to You a Regulation for the Payment
of Irregi Money, and beg You will be so good to grant
a Warrant to Bragg's Regiment, and to the Three Com-
-panies of Grenadiers Oderd for Service, that those
Officers may Receive theirs in Proportion to the Al-
-lowance of Regiment, as by the Regulation.

I am to Own the Receipt of Your Letter of
the 1st of March, for which I return You my thanks;
the Men remaining of the Carpenters (sic) which are
now at Louisburg I imagine might make some dif-
-ficulties, and that it would therefore be better that
Gen: Gridley should Recruit a Compleat Company of
Carpenters Men at Boston, without depending on any
of those which remain in Your Government, for which
I have given him Orders, and I have from him a
Report that the Comp: will be Compleated.

I Have Acquainted M: Millit that You have
recommended him for an Ensigney, and that he
may Join the Regt with Capt: Schaak.

The Delivery of Provisions to Your Garrison
between the Old and New Contractors has been
fumbled strangely, but You have done very right to

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Stop the Provisions that were laid in by the Old Ones, or by the neglect of the New Ones Your Garri=
=son might have Starved.

As to the Light house You are the best Judge whether it is necessary to Repair it, I consulted Ad.
=miral Boscawen upon it before I left Louisburg; he thought it not necessary, and I therefore gave no Orders about it then, or mentioned its being done to You, as I thought he was the best Judge, and I then declined doing any thing to it, from his Advice; but as You are at the place, You certainly must best know the Inconveniences arising from not having a Light house there, and how far it may be adviseable to Rebuild it.

I Have Received the Returns of Your Garrison, and I will take care to forward those to the Se=
=cretary at War on the first Occasion; I Have no Account from the Secretary at War of Drafts com=
=ing here, but I hear from other hands there are numbers sufficient coming for Completing the Re=
=giments in North America, so that I hope with the Three Regiments remaining at Louisburg, exclusive of Grenadiers, and with 1000 Provincials Your Garrison will be strong enough, and I imagine the Enemy will have so much to do to Defend and Keep what they have, that they will not be able to try to take back what is lost.

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I am not certain whether I mention'd that Major Dobson should serve as Major of Brig=ade on the Expedition, as I presume You can spare him from Your Garison, and that I send but one Major of Brigade from hence, I think it will be for the good of the Service that he is Appointed to Serve under Brig^{r}: Gen: Wolfe as Major of Brigade during the Expedition.

Brig^{r}: Gen: Monckton will deliver this to You, and at the same time will inform You of every thing that passes here, so that I shall conclude for the present with my As=surances that I am,

Sir.

Jeff: Amherst.

Brig^{r}: Gen: Whitmore

Endorsed Copy. M. Gen: Amherst / To Brig^{r}: Gen: Whitmore / Dat^{d}: New York April 5th 1759. / Enclosing a regulation of the Baggage & Forrage / Money granted to the Troops serving in North / America, with Orders to grant the same to the / Garison of Louisburg; together with further Di=rections relative to the Expedition against / Quebec. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16. 1759 / 17.

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Regulation of Baggage and Forrage Money for His Majesty's Forces Serving in North America under the Command of Major General Amherst for the Campaign 1759 ~

For a Regiment consisting of 1000 Men.

Officers	Allowance for Baggage	Forrage: Rations p^{r} Diem at 6 each	Forrage: For 100 days	Total.
Colonel	7. 10	10	25	32 10
Lieut Colonel	7 10	8	20	27 10
Major	7 10	6	15	22 10
Captain	7 10	4	10	17 10
Six Captains more	45	24	60	105
30 Subalterns £3..15. each	112 10	30	75	187 10
Chaplain	5	1	2 10	7 10
Adjutant	5	1	2 10	7 10
Qr Master	5	1	2 10	7 10
Surgeon	5	2	5	10
Mate	5	1	2 10	7 10
Total for 1 Batt^{n} of 1000 Men	212 10	88	220	432 10

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For a Regiment consisting of 700 Men

Colonel	1	10	-	-	10	25	-	-	32	10	-	-
Lieut. Colonel	1	10	-	-	8	20	-	-	27	10	-	-
Major	1	10	-	-	6	15	-	-	22	10	-	-
Captains	1	10	-	-	4	10	-	-	17	10	-	-
Six Captains more	45	-	-	-	24	60	-	-	105	-	-	-
20 Subalterns £3-15 each	75	-	-	-	20	50	-	-	125	-	-	-
Chaplain	5	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	7	10	-	-
Adjutant	5	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	7	10	-	-
D. Master	5	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	7	10	-	-
Surgeon	5	-	-	-	2	5	-	-	10	-	-	-
Mate	5	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	7	10	-	-
Total for a Batt.n of 700 Men	175	-	-	-	78	195	-	-	370	-	-	-

Endorsed Regulation of Baggage/and Forrage Money/for the Campaign 1759/ Enclosed to Brigadiers/Lawrence & Whitmore/ April 6.th 1759/ in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759./ 18.

Orders at the Fort of the Regulation for Baggage and Forage Money -

No Money for Forage or Baggage to be grant=ed but to Officers who Actually Serve in North America, who are to receive it but in one Capacity, And the Field Officer Commanding the Regiment is to receive as Colonel, as for Instance Col: Mur=ray appointed to Serve as Brigadier will receive as Such, And then the Major will receive as Colonel by being the Commanding Officer of the Re=giment. no other Field Officer Allowed.

New York April 6th: 1759

To Brig: Genl: Lawrence

NB. No Money for Forage or Baggage to be granted but to Officers who Actually Serve in N: America, And no Officer to receive but in one Capacity. The Field Officer Commanding the Regiment is to receive as Colonel: as for instance, Col: Walsh to receive as Col: of the Regt:; Major Dalling as Major; No Money for any other Field Officer allowed in that Corps.

New York April 6th: 1759

To Brig: Genl: Whitmore

Endorsed

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Endorsed Major Genl. Amherst's/ Orders at the Foot of the / Regulation for Baggage / and Forrage Money / Enclosed to Brigr. Lawrence / & Whitmore April 6th. 1759 / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759. / 19.

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Extract of a Letter from M. Gen.l Amherst to Brig.r Gen.l Laurence Dated at New York, March 30.th 1759.~

Dear Sir,

The Halifax Packet which Arrived here the 28.th at Night has brought nothing New, but leaves me to Pursue Every thing, according to the Disposi=tions I have already sent to You, and as I have sent Duplicates of the Same, I am not in the least doubt, but they must have Arrived safe at hand.

If You can contrive to Relieve the Officer and Men of the Artillery, who are at present at S.t John's, by a Detachment from Your Garrison at Halifax, and Send those of S.t John's, to Join the Army here, You will Reinforce a Corps that is much too small for the Service that I have in my Imagination Allotted to them for this Campaign.

I Have had by this last Packet the Melan=choly News of the Death of Her Roy.l Highness the Princess Royal and of Orange, for which I have Ordered that the Officers serving in North America should go into Mourning, by Wearing Crape on their Left Arms.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from/ M: Genr: Amherst to/ Brigr: Genr: Lawrence/ Datd: New York March 30th:/ 1759/ directions to relieve the Officer & Men of the Ar: = tillery/ at St. Johns by a like detachment from the Garrison/ at Halifax & to send the former to Join the Army/ here./ in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759/ 20.

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New-York, April 5th 1759.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are Copies of Orders sent to Brigr Genl Lawrence for the Embarkation of His Majestys Forces in the Province of Nova Scotia, allotted for the Expedition up the River St Lawrence against Quebec, in which Expedition His Majesty has been graciously pleased to Order You should serve as Brigr General.

As the Embarkation of the Train of Artillery, and of Webb's Regiment at Boston, is under the Direction of Colo. Burton, and that I have an Account from thence, that Everything is in great forwardness, and no difficulties attending the Executing the Service there; And that the Two Regiments, viz: Lascelles's and Frasers, to be Embarked from hence, to Sail under Convoy of the Nightingale for Louisbourg, will not require Your Presence here, I think it will be for the good of His Majesty's Service, that You do Repair to Halifax, to forward the Embarkation of the Troops there, according to the Directions I have sent to Brigr Genl Lawrence; And that You Sail to Louisbourg with the said Troops, so as to be there as near as may be to the time prescribed by the above Orders, where You will put Yourself under the Command of Major General Wolfe.

You will please to Acquaint Major Genl Wolfe, that I have on Your Application to me, Ordered that

Major of Brigade Spittal should Serve as Major of Brigade on the above Expedition.

As the Enclosed Papers will thoroughly In:=form You of all Steps taken, in regard to the Em:=barkation of the Troops Destined for the River St. Lawrence, I have nothing further to Add than my Warmest Wishes for the Success of this Expedition, in which You will have so great a share, and to take this Occasion (as I shall always most gladly seize every One that may offer to me) to Assure You that I am

Sir

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Brig.r Gen.l Monckton

Endorsed by M. Gen: Amherst / To Brig.r Gen.l Monck:=ton / Dat.d New York April 5.th 1759. / Directions to proceed to Halifax so as to be at / Louisburg by the time prescribed by His Majesty; / and for his Information, enclosing Copies of the / several Orders sent to Brig.r Whitmore and / Lawrence relative to the Expedition against / Quebec. / NB the above Orders hav:=ing already been / transmitted to M.r Secretary Pitt with the Generals / Letter of 29 March, they are not added here. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 23.

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New York 5th April 1759.

Sir,

As You have represented to Me, that during the late War in Flanders, when it was thought ne=-cessary to have a Captain Appointed to Act as Major, His Royal Highness did Order You to Do the Duty, for which You Received Five Shillings ₰ day, and that You now think it will be very conducive towards the Wished for Success of His Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of Quebec that Capt Godwin, the Eldest Captain should be Ordered to Act as Major under You.

From the Experience and Conviction I have of Your good Endeavours for forwarding Every thing that tends to the Good of His Majesty's Service, I do most readily Comply with Your Request, and You will please to Order Capt. Godwin to Act as Major on the Expedition against Quebec, or so long as His Majesty's Service in these Parts may Require it.

As I set out to morrow for Philadelphia, I imagine I may not be back before Your Departure for Boston, I have the pleasure to Inform You that Every thing is going on at Boston in the best way; My Orders and Instructions to Col. Burton are so Ample in regard to the Embarkation, and the Pre:=cautions I have Taken for having Every thing prepared

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are such as, I hope, leave no Obstacles that can Re=
=tard that Service.

You will on Your Arrival Settle with Mr. Boyce at Boston, whatever You think right in regard to the Oxen and Horses necessary for the Train of Artillery, for which he is already prepared. I Have nothing farther to Add than my most Sincere Wishes for Success to the Expedition, and to Assure You of the Regard and Esteem with which I am,

Yrs.

Jeff: Amherst.

Col. Williamson

Endorsed Copy. M. Gen: Amherst / To Col. William=
=son / Dat. New York April 5th 1759. / Authorizing him to
Appoint Capt Godwin to Act / as Major during the Expe=
=dition against Quebec / and to allow him 5s. p day
Extra during said time. / in M. G. Amherst's of April
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New York 5th April 1759

Sir

I have this Day the Pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 31st of March with some Dispatches from Governor Fournal by a Messenger whom I am hurrying away again to Assure Governor Fournall and You of my entire approbation of every thing that has been done in Consequence of my desires for the Embarkation of the Artillery &c And the reinforcing the Garrison of Louisburg and the relief of the Garrisons in Nova Scotia by the Provincials from the Massachusetts Gov-ernment Amounting to 2500 Men who by Your Letter I find are all to be ready as to morrow, which gives me great Satisfaction.

You have done extreamly right in regard to the Order You have given for the recruiting Parties, and Governor Fournall has Shewed in regard to the recruiting the Ranging Companies the Same well judged Zeal that I have always proved from His good Intentions of forwarding His Majesty's Service.

Capt. Loring has wrote to me about the Measure-ment of the Schooners and I have Answered him fully on that Subject and I hope Sufficiently to re-move any obstacles there might be from being Com-pleated with the Number we wanted, which at all Events we must have but I now find You have

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given him Orders on that head, that all difficulties might be laid aside for getting the Number of Schooners that were Ordered, So that he probably may be compleated before he gets my Letter which I Shall be glad of as Your Orders are very judicious and have my full approbation.

I have received a Letter from Major Scott to the Same purpose in regard to the Rangers as what You have wrote me word of.

Capt. Gorham, I fear, will not have time enough to execute the Service I purposed Should be carried on under his Command, which indeed I Should be vastly glad could be effected without Break-ing in too much on the time for the Quebec Ex-pedition, & particularly after what has happened by the Ranging Party from St Johns which has Com-pleatly Cleared St. Annes & the whole River of St. Johns So that Nothing of an Appearance of an Enemy remains in Nova Scotia but the Straggling few at Cape Sable which may so easily be brought in, And then Nova Scotia is ours in peace and Quiet, and the Industrious Inhabitants of Lunenburg may work with-out fear or Trembling.

I have wrote fully to Colonel Gridley about the Carpenters and I doubt not but they will be Compleated, but I omitted one Part which may here-

=after be disputed if not Settled, which is that the Carpenters are to have Provisions as the rest of His Majestys Forces, but in Case the Work they are on is so great as to require more Food, it remains always with the Commander of the Forces to give them a Portion & a half or what ever he may think Necessary, in which he certainly will al=ways do what tends most to the good of His Majestys Service and will for that reason never let them want any Provisions.

I thank You for Your care of my Letters to Nova Scotia & Cape Breton, I am Sorry Lieut Governor of Lascelles's Regiment is in Such an ill State of Health I have no Sort of Objection to his embarking at Boston and hope he will recover his Health.

Letters by the Leostaff Man of War come into Virginia bring nothing but what I have Already received the Duplicates of, this Ship is bound to Hali=fax, nothing come in her from England, I Shall dispatch another Packet Soon.

I am &c

P. S. I Set out tomorrow for Philadelphia where I Shall Stay a Couple of Days -

Endorsed

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Endorsed Copy / Of a Letter from / Major Genl.
Amherst / to Colo. Burton at Boston / April 5th. 1759 /
further directions relative to the Embarkation, / at Boston
& the Quebec Expedition. / in Lr. fr. Genl. Amherst's of April 16.
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New York 14th April 1759

Dear Burton,

On my Return Yesterday from Philadelphia, where I have been to try to perswade some People to Reason, which You know is not always very easy in this Infant Country, I had the pleasure of Re=-ceiving Your Letters of the 29th. of March, and 1st. & 8th. of April.

I am greatly pleased to find every thing so ready at Boston, and I am certain You will not lose a moments time in getting away, for I can't but wish You at Louisburg; the sooner You are there the easier the Work You are going on will be effected.

Capt. Schomberg is arrived here in the Diana, and Yesterday and this day Two more Frigates are come in, vizt. The Lizard & Trent, with the News that the Bellona Frigate of 32 Guns is taken by the Vestal Capt. Hood, after a smart Engagement; I Have Ordered that One of the Frigates shall Sail as soon as possible to Boston, to convoy the Troops from thence, that are under Your Command, that Capt. Bord may pursue the Orders that he was sent with by Admiral Durell, in case the Fri=-gate from hence Arrives with You in time, but my meaning is that You shall not wait one In=-stant for the Frigate from hence, and that Capt.

Bord is still under Orders to Sail with You when You are ready, and I will be answerable to Admiral Durell for his attending that Service, which I would not on any Account have Stopped, and I now Write to Capt. Bord to that purpose.

Col. Gidley has received my Orders for Com:=pleating the Eighty Carpenters, which he writes me Word is done, so that those from Louisbourg will be at Liberty to return.

Your Quarters at Boston must be Good; the Select Men behaved very well on my application for Quarters there, and they must be so sensible of the bene:=fit arising from the Money that must be spent where Troops are, that I don't doubt but they will be glad to have some next Winter, which I intend they shall, and it will do good to Boston.

By Your Letter of the 8th I find You have re:=ceived what I wrote in regard to the Provincials, and You will be so good as to allow them the four Pence in like manner, as I Wrote to Govr. Tounall, to the time they Embark, and that they receive their Provisions.

I Have Signed the Commissions according to Your Recommendations which Capt. Mc Queen will de:=liver to You, and will inform You of all the News that this Place affords - I am, Dear Sir/ Jeff: Amherst

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P. S. Since I Wrote the above I have received Yours of the 9th. Instant; I Would have all the Re:=cruiting Partys, as well as Officers and Men absent with Leave Join their Regiments; I thought at first of leaving those of the Garrison of Louisbourg some time longer, but they are more likely to lose Men than to get any, by a longer Stay; Be so good to Embark all that appear.

Col: Burton

Endorsed Copy M. Gen: Amherst/ To Colonel Burton/ Dat[d] New York April 14th/ 1759. / further directions re:=-lative to the Embarkation at/ Boston. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 / 26.

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New York 11th April 1759

Dear Sir

I Had Yesterday the Favour of receiving Your Letters 2 (Copie) of the 13th. & 26th. of February, and 13th. & 25th. of March, Enclosing a Copy of your request for a Number of Seamen to Mann the Fleet under Your Command, and a Copy of Govr. Pownall's Answer; Tough I have not heard that the Seamen have been Sent You from the Massachusetts Government I am in great hopes Your demand has been Complyed with, from what Govr. Pownall wrote to me on my first application.

I was So convinced of the Absolute Necessity of the Fleet under Your Command being properly Manned for the very Essential Service of keeping the Enemys Ships from geting up the River St. Laurence, that I wrote to Brigr Genl Lawrence to Supply You with whatever Number You wanted in Case You Could not get the Seamen in Time.

I thank You for the Orders You have Sent to Capt Campbell, who is now preparing his Ship to Convoy Two Regiments from hence to Louisburg which I hope will be ready to Sail in a few Days.

I am Sorry that Capt Clive Should have been Neglectfull in Writing to You; He was in a hurry to Return to England on His first Arrival,

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from the Orders he had received; I detaind him Some time, as You will See by the enclosed, which I Send to You for Your information. I Suppose the Instructions he had received were Such as made him anxious to Return.

From all Accounts the Season has been more Severe this Winter than has been known for many Years past, I am glad to find they have not been distressed at Louisburg for want of fresh Provisions; The People remaining at St Peters, may very easily be brought in which I doubt not Brigr Genl. Whitmore will do

The Diana arrived here the 7th The Lizard and Trent Yesterday; Captain Schomberg writes to You, and will give You a better Account of the Vestal's prize & the Engagement than I can do. It does, I think great honor to Capt. Hood.

The Transports taken up at Boston I imagine are Nearly prepared to Sail, I have a Sufficiency of Transports here for the taking the Regiments from hence, so that I have desired Capt Schomberg to Send the first Transports that that come from England (of which but one is Yet arrived) to Halifax; Capt. Schomberg will dispatch a Frigate likewise to Boston that Capt Bond may not be detained, but may pursue the Orders You sent him on; and

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I Shall Send Some Transports to Boston that can be Spared to take the whale boats to Louis=burg, as I imagine the Transports & Schooners, which are to Sail from thence with the Troops, will not be able to take 70 whale Boats.

I am Sir ~

Admiral Durell

Endorsed Copy / of a Letter from / Majr Genl. Amherst to / Rr Admi Durell ~ / April 14th. 1759 / relative to the Man: =ning the fleet under his Command / either by Seamen from the Govt. of the Massachusetts / Bay, or with the Troops in Nova Scotia &c. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 /

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New York, April 4th. 1759.

Sir

As the Small Number of Hands we have hitherto been able to get for manning the Transports that are intended to carry the Troops &c destined for Louisburg leave Room to apprehend that we may be greatly dis:tressed for want of such when it will be requisite for them to proceed on their Voyage which must ab:solutely be guarded against I know of no other Method to prevent the Same, than by impressing of Hands out of such Vessels as shall come into this Port; for which Purpose, I have directed a Transport to be prepared and forthwith to fall down to the Fort, on board of which I will also order a strong Guard of the Royal Highland Re:giment in Garrison here; But as they will want the Assistance of a proper Officer and Six of His Majesty's Sea:men to enable them the better and the more effe:ctually to execute this Service I must beg of You to order such an Officer and six Men from your Ship on board said Transport, with Directions to bring too every Ship they shall see come into the Harbour and impress out of the same as many Hands as each of them can possibly spare, which may afterwards be put under the Care of the said Guard who will be answer:able for them. —

This being, in my Opinion, the Method the most

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tibility of Success, and that will make the least Noise, I intend, that it may not meet with any Obstructions, to speak to the Lieut. Governor about it, who, if necessary, I dare say, will send this Authority.

I am &c

Capt Campbell of the Nightingale. –

Endorsed To Capt Campbell of the / Nightingale / April 4th. 1759 / desiring his Assistance to Impress Seamen for the / use of the Transports destined to Louisburg. / in No. 6. Lieut. Archbold of April 6th 1759 / 28.

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New York, 15th April 1759

Sir,

Notwithstanding the Instructions You have re=
=ceived from Admiral Saunders, by his Letter of the 13th.
February, which You Communicated to me this morning,
and whereby You are enjoined immediately to Set Sail
with His Majesty's Ship Nightingale, and proceed in her
to the Rendezvous at Louisbourg, which Instructions,
You Say, You shall in a few days be ready to com=
=ply with, I must again Repeat to You, that it is
absolutely necessary for the good of the Service that
You should take under Your Convoy the Transports
that are preparing for the Reception of Lt. Gen: Las=
=celles's and Col. Fraser's Regiments destined for
Louisbourg, and who make part of the Army that
are to Serve up the River St. Laurence, which
will be ready in a very short Time, and sooner
than what I apprehend either the Diana, Lizard,
or Trent Frigates, lately come in, can be fitted
to Undertake that Service, or otherwise I shou'd
by no means detain You contrary to Your Instruc=
=tions; Besides as there is also an Embarkation
going on at Boston, and that I daily Expect a
Number of Transports from England, which will
likewise require Convoy, I propose that these Fri=
=gates shall take Charge of them, but as the above

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Two Regiments must not wait for the Arrival of those Transports, nor for the departure of the Troops from Boston, but must proceed to Louisbourg as soon as possible, and that they must not go without Convoy, I will be answerable for Stopping You here a few days on that Account, and doubt not but it will meet with Admiral Saunder's Approbation.

I am,

Sir.

Capt. Campbell of the Nightingale

Endorsed This M. to Gen: Amherst / To Capt. Campbell of the / Nightingale - / Dat'd New York April 15th. 1759. / That notwithstanding his Instructions from Adm'l. Saunders immediately to Sail for Louisburg, it is absolutely necessary he should take the Transports / from hence under his Convoy. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 / 29.

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Pensylvania 8th. April 1759.

Sir,

I Am to Acknowledge the Receipt, and Return You my thanks for the Letters You gave to Capt. Parry which he delivered to me last night.

Admiral Saunders Acquaints me, that there are some more of His Majesty's Ships of War Ordered to New York, which I hope will come in time to Convoy the Transports to Halifax and Louisbourg, which are Expected from England, and are likewise Bound to New York.

That the Service might not be retarded, I have taken up as many Transport Vessels as will take the Regiments destined to go from New York, and I have directed Capt. Campbell of His Majesty's Ship Nightingale to Convoy them, and they will Sail from New York to Louisbourg.

I Have likewise taken up as many Transport Vessels at Boston as will serve for the Embarkation of the Train of Artillery, Webb's Regiment of Foot, and 2500 Provincials, and I have given the direction of the Embarkation of the Artillery that at Boston to Colonel Burton, with Orders to him to proceed to Louisbourg as soon as he can get the Troops Embarked; I therefore think it will be for the good of His Majesty's Service that You should proceed

to Boston, as soon as You conveniently can, to convoy the Troops under the Command of Colonel Burton to Louisburg.

I Was informed there was a Ship sent to Boston by Admiral Durell, and as I know of no other Ship that could convoy the Troops from Boston, and that it was absolutely necessary they should sail from thence, without loss of time, I Wrote an Order to the Captain to convoy the said Troops to Louisburg, but this may now be Changed, if You Repair to Boston, and the Captain will of Course pursue the Orders he had from Admiral Durell, which should not have Interfered with, but that I then saw no other method of sending the Train of Artillery &c in Safety to Louisburg.

I Intend to be back at New York on Thursday next, which I presume will be sooner than You can sail.

I am,

&c.

Hon.ble Lord Colville Esq.r Command.r of His Maj.ty Frigate Diana.

Endorsed To Hon.ble Lord Colville Esq.r / Com.r of His Maj.ty Frigate Diana / Dat.d Pensylvania April 8.th 1759. / Desiring him to proceed to Boston to take under his Convoy the Artillery & Troops Embarking there for Halifax & Louisburg. / in No. 4. Amherst's of April 16. 1759 / 30.

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That if the Province of Pensylvania does not Furnish the same Number of Troops as last Year, The General thinks the Intended Offensive Operations and Building a proper Fort, and making Posts to effectually Cover the Country, cannot be Carried on, without weakening the Army that is to Act Else where too much; He is therefore determined, if the Province of Pensylvania does not Exert itself in Raising the same Number of Men as last Year, and that immediately, to give over the thoughts of Acting on this side, which cannot be done without Raising those Troops with any pros=pect of Success; And the General will Reinforce the Army to the Eastward with the Troops that he intended to have detached to have Acted here.

April 10th. 1759.

Endorsed M. Gen. Amherst's/ Message to the Assembly of/ Pensylvania/ April 10th 1759./ to induce them immme=diately to raise the same number/ of Men they did the pre=ceding Year, or that he should/ be Obliged to give over all thoughts of Acting on that side./ in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759/ 32.

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Philadelphia April 11th 1759

Sir

Finding upon my arrival here that the Assem=
=bly of this Province Still continued to refuse pass=
=ing the Supply Bill unless You made such Con=
=cessions as You do not think You can, without derrating
from Your Proprietary Instructions and Endangering
Your Duties for the due performance thereof; I accord=
=ingly took an Opertunity of Conferring with the Speak=
=er and Several of the leading Men of the Assembly
to shew them the Necessity of their passing the Bill
agreable to Your proposal & Instructions which I did
hope they would under the present pressing Circum=
=stances have been Sensible of and have had Influence
enough to have brought the House to assent to; but
having failed in my Expectations & finding that they
continued Obstinate in their former resolutions, I sent
them a Message of which the enclosed is a Copy,
Setting forth as You will See the Absolute Necessity
of their Complying with the Measure proposed or that
I Should be obliged to give over all thoughts of carry=
=ing on the intended Offensive Operations & the
Building a Fort which I imagined would have had
great weight with them; Notwithstanding which it
Seems they are Still deaf to all kind of remon=
=strance and persist in their Obstinancy, but as

this must by no Means prevent His Majestys In=
=structions being put in Execution, and that they
cannot be Complyed with, unless the Supply Bill
does pass, I must for the good of the Common Cause,
and in Order to enable me to pursue His Majestys
Command., beg of You, as I understand You did
upon a Similar occasion at the request of the Earl
of Loudoun, waive Your Propriatary Instructions and
give Your Assent to the Bill as brought in by them,
And I Shall take the very first opportunity of In=
=forming the Kings Ministers with the Necessity
for Your so doing that no inconvenience may arise
to you from the Same.

I am &c

Govr. Denny

Endorsed Copy / of a Letter from Major / General Amherst to / Governor Denny / April 11th 1759 / signifying that as notwithstanding his Message to / the Assembly of the foregoing day, they still continued / obstinate in refusing to Pay the Supply bill unless / asserted to by the Govr. in the manner they had / proposed; he recommended to him, for the good of the Service, to Waive his propriatary Instructions, and / to pass it as presented to him. / in M. G. Amherst's of April 16: 1759 /

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Sir

I have waited for the arrival of a Packet = boat, not thinking it right to dispatch the only one on this side, least any thing more material might happen than what I have had to acquaint you of since my last letter of the 16th: April to this time.

I then did myself the honour of writing you word of the measures I had been obliged to take on leaving Philadelphia that the Supply bill might be passed, and I received a Letter from Governor Denny on the 21st that in consequence of what I had wrote to him, he had passed the bill though contrary to his instructions.

On the 28th: of April Fraser's Regiment being embarked and ready to sail, Lascelles's likewise ready to embark at Amboy, and the Transports coming in from Philadelphia, I left orders with Captain Schomberg for convoying the Regiments, and Br: General Trideaux at New York to see all set off clear, and then to joyn me at Albany, and the Brigadier was to bring up Montgomery's Regt that was ordered to Elizabeth Town and of course would be the last of the Regulars to joyn the Army.

I arrived at Albany on the 3d of May and

sent to Sr. William Jinson to meet me the next day at Schenectady; intelligence from Fort Edward a Scout of four Rangers had been out, were dis-:covrid by a party of Indians near Sacandaga who killed one Ranger, took two, and the fourth made his Escape.

The 4th I had all the Assurances from Sr. William that I could desire of the Indians being firm to the English, that he thought he should have 500 Indians to go with him, the Sachems of which were very desirous of carrying on an enterprise against Niagara, of which Sr. William had writ me word; this answered exactly to what I wished, I only said I could not determine on the operations, desired he would have them ready to act on the first notice, as I intended to make an Irruption into Canada with the utmost vigour and dispatch. a sloop of Rhode Island Troops arrived, the first of the Provincials that are come.

the 5th I ordered three months Provisions for 5000 Men by land to Schenectady, and as much as could be forwarded by water to Fort Edward, that every thing might be prepared as much as I could against the arrival of the Troops. Gage's light Infantry encamped above Albany. a

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bridge at Fort Edward finished. the Woods bunt to the Lake.

the 6th the greatest Part of Colo Forbes's ar=
=rived, some more Rhode Islanders, Ordered Gage's light Infantry to Saratoga.

7th as I had now determined with myself the Expedition to Oswego and Niagara, and that the Corps for that service should consist of Aber=
=crombys, Lt General Murrays, 4th Battn of R=
Americans and the 2680 New York Provincials, & that Br. General Prideaux should have the command and be joyned by all the Indians under Sr. Wm Johnson, I wrote to Br. General Stanwix and sent an Aid de Camp that he might have the earliest notice and be prepared to act as the expedition to Niagara must un=
=doubtedly greatly facilitate any attack he may make on the french Posts between Pittsburg and Lake Erie.

8th. I was obliged to confirm the sentence of a General Court Martial and order the Exe=
=cution of a Man of Abercrombys and one of Gage's to stop desertion. most of the New York Troops arrived.

9th an account from Fort=Stanwix of a scouting Party of Lt Stevens and sixteen Rangers,

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who were discoverd by the Enemy Indians, as the Rangers were shooting Pidgeons, and when surprised Tiebout a Volunteer and four men killed, one Man taken Prisoner and a Serjeant wounded. an Aid de Camp who returned from Fort Edward heard the alarm Guns supposed some Indians had appeared.

10th. The Indians had been opposite Fort Miller which gave the alarm and they took away a Ranger who had crossed contrary to orders. I sent Letters to some of the Governors to press the march of the provincial Troops. I received a Letter from the Governor of New hampshire that the Assembly had altered their minds and would send their Troops by land I sent directly to proride for their March, he said after their desiring I would order them by water, which I had done, it must appear to me very strange but from long experience was very familiar to him.

11th Royal Highland Regt encamped above the Drum of Albany. a Camp marked for the Provincials. Morgoney's on their arrival to cantoon at Lestock.

12th I sent two Companys of light Infantry and two of late Forbes's under the command

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of Major Hamilton to Scorticook to put the Oxen that were worked down, to grass. More of the New York Troops arrived, and some Rhode Islanders.

13th: I continued forwarding Provisions and Stores up the Mohawk & Hudson's Rivers.

14th: a Prisoner from Crown point brought in, an Inhabitant of the Place, Taken by a Scouting Party of Rangers as he was a Shooting in the woods, says he believes there is no change in the Garrisons of Tionderoga or Crown Point, that there are two Vessels on Lake Champlayn of small Force and two more were to be finished the later end of last month. Mons: Langér was arrived at Crown point with 120 Indians.

15th: Br: General Prideaux arrived from New York, I ordered all the Artillery and ammunition allotted for Onego and Niagara to Schenectady where it will be put in batteaus.

16th: Sr: William Johnson came to me with some demands and promised great things for the Indians, I thought it right to keep my intended operations secret to the last moment, for if the Indians know it the French will have it. I sent an Aid de Camp to put all the Troops on the Mohawk river in

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motion, and to march the Garrisons into the Posts that I intend should remain there during the Campaign.

17th. great Rains which will facilitate much the transportation of every thing up the Rivers. the New York Troops arrived, consisted of 2160 I compleated them with every thing that they may March immediately.

18th. Col Babcock of the Rhode Island Troops arrived said his Regt was 700 instead of 1000 and that it was the fault of their Government. I sent 100 whale boats to half moon to cross over to the Mohawk River & proceed to Schen: =ectady, proved all the old Guns that had been intended for Vessels and were laid by, several burst, ordered all the good to Fort Stanwix, had likewise two 18 Pounders proved at Albany. very violent rain.

19th: Hazens Regt marched to Schenectady with a detachment of Artillery comanded by Capt: Stracher & two 18 Pounders from Fort Edward that 15 boats & Canoes had been seen on the Lake by a scouting Party who found a Man dead at the old Camp, and scalped, and as Capt Burbank with a Party of Rangers had gone out it was feared he and his Party were taken by this large body of Indians which proved true by

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their not returning, I suppose all taken asleep.

20th: B.r: General Prideaux sat out in the morning to take his command at Schenectady, I wrote to Sir William Johnson accordingly. I had an express from Boston in the Afternoon, with a Letter from M.r General Wolfe at Halifax on the first of May. the River rose so on a sud:-den at Schenectady that B.r Prideaux wrote me word most of the Batteaüs were got adrift and gone down the Mohawk river; dispatched instantly to Nestaguina & Loudons Ferry to stop them; a Company of light Infantry encamped at Nestaguina picked up 60 of them, most of the rest saved, but some went down the great Falls with one of the Ferry boats.

21st: I wrote to M.r Gen.r: Wolfe Sent an Aid de Camp to Boston with a Letter to the Lieut. Governor to try to get 300 Men to send to M.r G.l: Wolfe as Pioneers. five Companys of the Massa:-:chusetts Troops arrived this night.

22d. I ordered Late Forbes's the Inniskilling Reg.t and part of the Royal Highlanders with bat:-:teaüs & provisions up the river.

23.d: I sent to survey the Ground from Fort Herkimar to Fort-Stanwix that a com:-:munication by land may be made on the first

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proper occasion.

24th: Sent an Engineer and 50 man to erect a Post for the security of the carrying Place at Carrejohary.

25th: an account from Lt: Col. Darby that Lieut: Watts marching with a party of twelve men of Lots 73: General Irvin were attacked by a party of thirty Indians in his return from Still Water to the Camp of Scortico, Lt: Watts and two Men killed, three wounded and a Corporal missing. Two Corps with the first of the New Jersey Troops arrived to day.

26th: a report from Major Hamilton of Lt: Watts affair, I believe the party was marching rather carelessly.

27th: a Sort of a Company of Indians was to have marched out of Town but rum stoped them, the Provincial Troops arrive daily but desert most shamefully, and they have left a great many men behind in the measles.

28th: two of the Rhode Island Regt: tryed for desertion were sentenced to Suffer death, I ordered all the Troops to be out the next morning at 6 o'Clock for the Execution.

29th: I hardened one of the Deserters in hopes that one example may be Sufficient. I sent a

detachment from the Provincials (exclusive of those of New York) to serve as Batteaü Men on the Mohawk river that a constant supply of provisions may be kept up the number of batteaü Men & Teamsters is very trifling in comparison to what I hoped to raise, so that I am obliged to furnish them from the Troops of the Provinces

30th. I had an account from Boston the 300 Provincials which I had demanded as Rangers were granted and would be embarked directly as some Transports were come in there going to Louisburg under convoy of the Scarborough. The Return of the Regiments of Provincials this day in Camp is 2550 Men. of those not come up belonging to the Regiments in Camp 2025. besides Col: Worcester's & Col: Whiting's Regts of the Connecticut Troops, all the New hampshire Troops, 1500 of the Massachusetts, and 1000 of the Connecticut are yet to Joyn, this is the State of the Provincial Troops this day exclusive of the New York Troops which as they were the first arrived I allotted to the Corps under the command of Br: General Gri: :dears, I had likewise destined the Jersey Troops for that service in my own mind, but they

not arriving so soon as I expected, the Batteaus Men and Teamsters failing, I thought it would retard that Service to wait for them, and that it might lessen the numbers of the Army under my immediate command rather too much, as I have so many things to furnish, and I hope the Successes on both sides will prove this measure to be right. I have amply supplyed every thing for the service at Oswego and Niagara, and furnished Sr. William Johnson with every thing he has asked for the Indians, though the demands were not small.

I had this day the 30th the Honour of receiving, Sir, Two Letters from you of the 10th & 15th of March by an Express from Boston, it gives me very great satisfaction that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve the method I had taken to induce the Governors of the several Provinces to march their respective quota of Troops that the Campaign might begin as early as possible, and though this has not had all the Effect I wished, it does not much lessen the favourable appearances of things: the detached Corps under the command of Br. Genl. Prideaux

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is gone in pretty good time, and I am in hopes I shall be able to be in right time at Tionderoga, the loss at present is, by the Troops not being ready, that I could not imploy the time for this month past in building a Fort near the Lake, and some other things might be attempted, as to Tionderoga there is a Too soon, as well as a Too late and I would try to avoid both as the best means of ensuring success to His Majestys Arms.

I Imagine I need not mention any thing in answer to what you have wrote about Br. Genl. Monckton, as I hope the Letters I have done Myself the Honor to write to you will have been satisfactory in regard to his place of service: it was impossible I should not order him under the command of M. Genl. Wolfe the first moment I knew His Majestys gracious in= =tentions, and you will have been acquainted also by my Letters of my having appointed Br. Genl. Stanwix to the command to the South= =ward as I thought him the best qualifyed for such a Trust.

I am very happy in having at this time the Kings pleasure signifyed to me

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for reestablishing the important Post of Oswego in the course of the year; I beg leave to assure you, Sir, I have most maturely weighed every thing that can tend to the success of the execution of that plan, as well as the other intended operations for the Corps under the command of Br: General Prideaux. I enclose to you Copys of my Instructions to the Brigadier, of Plans, and every other information relating to that expedition. a retrenched battery is intended where the old Fort was, it was thought necessary to have this for the greater Security of the harbour, but the designed Fort is by all accounts on the best ground and entirely commands the retrenched battery if the Enemy should get possession of it, and their approaches to it are to be rendered more difficult by having a block house on the hill.

I have likewise the same day received your separate Letter of the 15th. of March enclosing one from Governor Ellis of the 31st of October, I have immediately wrote to Governor Ellis and I shall settle the Rangers in the best manner I can according to His Majestys gracious intentions.

On the 31st. I ordered the remaining part

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of the Royal Highland Regt. with the Artillery and Massachusets Troops that are here to take battiaus & Provisions and proceed up the river, Captain Loring arrived from Boston and set out for new York to prepare Materials for four Vessells, two on Lake Champlayn and two on Lake Ontario.

June 1st: Morgomerys Regt. and the Connec:: :ticut Troops to take battiaus & Provisions & proceed up the River, Captain Cruchshanks in:: :dependant Company arrived from Number 4.

June 2d: I purposed setting out this morn:: :ing, but found So many things to be done to get the Provincials forward, thought I should lose time instead of gaining it. Some Men of Col: Whitings & Col: Worcester's of the Connecticut Troops arrived.

3d: I went to traif Moon where Mor:: :gomery's encamped, the Aid de Camp I had sent to Boston returned, the 300 Pioneers sailed from thence the 31st of May.

The 4th: to Still water, the Connecticut Troops found very heavy wet work getting up their battiaus, the Royal Highlanders got on with theirs, Morgomerys and the Connecticut encamped at night near Still water.

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5th: to Saratoga visited the Camps & out Posts at the carrying Place, several of the batteaus damaged and some Men bruised in working them over the Falls, but in general every thing getting on well.

6th: to Fort Miller crossed the river to the carrying place, where the Inniskilling & seven Companys of Late Forbes's are encamped, the batteaus as well as provisions are taken out here & carryed cross a Neck of land as the Falls are not passable: I got to Fort Ed: =ward in the Evening, where part of the Ar: =tillery Royals, Royal Highlanders & Massachusetts were arrived, fixed the Camp for the Troops. a scouting party came in said there were 8 Indians passed about ten miles to the east: =ward, ordered out a party to waylay them, sent out Scouts to right and left that I might be informed in time of any partys passing down to fall on our Communication.

4th: very bad weather, I had a Letter from Br: Genl Prideaux enclosing one from Lt: Colonel Massey of the 4th: from Fort Stanwix giving an account that they had heard a firing at the Fort, on which he sent out two partys, the Fire was on some batteaus Men

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who went up with the two 18 pounders, they fell=
=ed seven of which six were scalped, one left
not Scalped, one wounded who will do well,
one missing (I fear the battaux Men were all up
on shore and without arms) besides a Soldier
of Murrays taken prisoner near the Fort, the
cannon safe. a scouting party of Oneida Indians
that were sent to Swegatchi, brought in a
Prisoner whom they took fishing, he is a Ger=
=man, of the Marine & says at Swegatchi
there is no kind of cannon, a stockaded
Post, a Captain & 30 Men there, they are to
set it on fire on approach of the English,
that about 30 large batteaus went loaded
with provisions to Niagara lately, that three
leagues below Swegatchi 150 men with an
Engineer are building a Fort on an Island
near the Falls, that fifteen days ago two
Brigs sailed for Niagara that were built
this season at Swegatchi one carrying seven
Guns the other six, 6 pounders, they are now
building more, he hears Mons.r: Montcalm
is at Carillon. Royal Highland Regt: arrived
this night, not a dry thread on them.

8th: I went in the Morning to a Post
which I had ordered for the Security of the

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communication to the Lake.

9th ordered the Troops to take two trips from each carrying place which will shorten the time of bringing Provisions up Mongomerys Regt arrived with their batteaus the Men greatly fatigued, some Scouts returned had not discovered any thing, except are going to the Lake, saw a party of the Enemy, I sent out directly, could not see any appearance of them.

10th all the Troops that could be spared from Camp went with batteaus to Fort Miller for Provisions, Lt: Schuyler arrived at night with Jersey Regt & whale boats some left behind damaged coming up the river. Molasses arrived for Brewing.

11th a Letter from the Lieut Governor of New York that Admiral Saunders had wrote him word that two Men of War were coming to New York with Troops from Guadaloupe; I desired any round to River St Lawrence might be sent away directly, if any Troops ordered here to be sent immediately to Albany. most of the Artillery Stores arrived, mended the roads towards the Lake. two Scouts sent to Crown Point. I had a Letter from Br General Prideaux acquainting me the Enemy Indians had

scalped some people below Sr: Wm: Johnsons and he feared had taken a Messenger he had sent there, and what was worse he had men:-tioned in his letter that he had asked the Haubits at Fort Stanwix for the reduction of Niagara which would discover the scheme. this can be of no bad consequence 'tis too late now for the Enemy to provide against it Troops in Camp at Fort Edward this day de:-tachment of the Royal 170. Royal Highland & Morgomery's Regiments. 2 Batts. Massachusetts 1 Rhode Island 1 Jersey, Gages Light Infantry and part of the Rhode Island Regt: with some Rangers & Indians at 4 miles Post Prideaux's in the Fort. Rangers & Indians Kutted near the Camp.

12th a Battalion of Connecticut Troops ar:-rived with batteaus and provisions, a great deal of Rain continued mending the Roads.

13th a Scout from Lagardage said some Indians had passed, I sent a party to way lay. detached Colonel Grant with the 42: R. Regiment, 500 Provincials, a Company of Gages, one of Rangers, & one of Indians, with two six Pounders, to erect a post at halfway Creek. I had a Letter from Br: General Gage

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whom I have left at Albany to compleat the Provincials with every thing as they arrive & to hasten them up here, & to bring up the rear without waiting for the additional Massachusetts and Connecticut Troops) enclosing an examination of two Prisoners taken 29th May at Crown point, by some of Sr. William Johnson's Indians. viz.t that on the 11th of May the Batt.n of La Reine Languedoc 2 of Berry & 500 Canadians passed for Tionderoga, some more Canadiens were on the march, but countermanded. all the other Troops are for Quebec, where Mons.r Vaudreuil who was at Montreal is to joyn Mons.r Mont=calm, and Mons.r Levy to comand at Tionderoga. Mons.r Bougainville Aid de camp to Mons.r de Montcalm arrived at Quebec from France on the 11th May, in a Frigate which had taken an English Vessel with Salt wine & Provisions after an engagement of seven hours, at the same time were arrived nineteen Vessels with Provisions, but no Troops on board, fifteen more Ships Sailed with them but were taken or dispersed. a Fleet expected from France. that they were hard at work at Quebec and Tion=deroga, the Garrison of the later place much afflicted with the Scurvy, a Pound and half

of bread and a quarter of Pork issued daily to the Troops, the remainder in money 3 Sols for half a Pound of bread & 3 Sols in Lieu of a Quarter of a Pound of Pork.

14th: I ordered out Grenadiers light In:=fantry & Rangers to make a general Search in the woods to try if there were any lurking Partys, some of the Men lost them:=selves notwithstanding the greatest precaution had been Taken to prevent it. Colonel Brad:=street arrived from Albany at night, brought up a great many of the Waggons with him, reported every thing coming on well.

15th. I sent off all the Waggons with Artillery Stores to half way brook, some bat:=teaüs on Carriages & whale boats on Mens Shoulders

16th: Col: Whitings Regt: arrived with batteaüs & provisions, I sent all the Waggons with Stores and Provisions and some light Artillery to half way brook, the Royal marched into Camp except the Garrison of Fort Miller. very bad weather.

17th: it rained all the day, a Flag of Truce from Tionderioga arrived at Col:=onel Grants Post, who forwarded it to me.

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I enclose to you, Sir, the Letters from Monsr: de Montcalm and Monsr: Burlemaque with Copys of my answer, I expected they would send to see how far I was advanced, and took care the Major should not see any thing. I in:=tended to have Marched some Troops forward this day but the weather Stoped it, and though I had repaired the Roads thoroughly they are now so bad, half the Carriages are broke by it; but this is easily repaired with the Car:=penters I have, it is the retardment only of a few days.

18th: I sent off the Flag of truce at day break. a Batt^{n} of Massachusetts marched to half way brook. B^{d}: General Gage and Col: Montresor arrived with the detachment of the Royal and Part of Late Forbes's; in the afternoon as violent a rain as I have seen.

19th: the Royal, Jersey Reg^{t} a Battalion of Connecticut & Rangers are marched at day break under the command of Col: Foster to half way brook, Prideaux's to Joyn the above Corps leaving the Connecticut Batt^{n} at half way brook, they are to take Post between that and the Lake. The Packet which sailed from Falmouth on the 10th:=

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April arrived at New York the 16th Inst: and I have just now had the Honour, Sir of receiving the duplicates of your sev: =eral Letters of which I have owned the receipt in this Letter on the 30th April. I have this day a Letter from Bn: General Prideaux of the 15th: of which I Send you an extract enclosed.

the great discontent amongst many people employed in the Governments service, for want of payment, there not being money sufficient for it; I have judged it for the good of His Majesty's Service, to make application to the Lt Governor of New York to borrow a Sum, which I hope you will approve.

I send this by Captain Stuart who was Lieut in Anstruthers, and is now in Seabrights, as he has been a Volunteer here till a Packet should sail, he can explain to you Sir, any particulars you may chuse to know.

I enclose to you all papers that I im: =agine may tend to give you a full infor: =mation of the State of Military affairs here, I will do the utmost I can for pushing on the operations according to His Majesty's

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gracious intentions which I will do with all the dispatch that is possible, and I hope soon, Sir, to send you an account of some signal Success of His Majestys Arms. I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. I return with the Letters
I have received directed
to Br: Genl. Forbes. J: A:

Camp of Fort Edward June 19th 1759.

Right Honble M: Pitt

Endorsed Fort Edward / June 19. 1759 / M.
Genl: Amherst / 24 July 22d:

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New York 16th: April 1759.

Sir,

Your favor of the 5th: Instant, in Answer to mine of the 18th: and 25th: March, bringing me an Abstract of the necessary Orders You were to give to the Captain of the Company to be posted on Connecticut River, and that nothing but the bad Weather prevented Your Marching it till the latter End of last Week, is perfectly agreable to me, as I hope You will have been able to Send them off by the time You proposed.

I am very glad that the Measures I direct=ed for moving the Troops of New hampshire to the place of Rendezvous at Albany, prove satisfactory to You; and Equally pleased with the Care You have taken to Issue the Directions I sent, relative to the Rolls and the Musters, in which I shall have no manner of Objections to the Size of Your Men, Provided they be but Active, Strong, and good Woodsmen.

I should have been Sorry that Your Gov=ernment had availed itself of the short Grants made by the Massachusetts and Connecticut Col=onies, since what is Enjoined them by His Majesty, is not in proportion to the Quotas of the Governments, but agreable to the Extent of their own Abilities, and in the same light

I have represented it to all the Colonies on the Continent, & I hope not without Effect, since im=
=mediately thereupon the Massachusets has re=
=taken it into Consideration, and by my next Letters
from thence, I have reason to believe I shall hear
they have Augmented their Numbers to those
of last Year, As I am likewise hopefull Connec=
=ticut will have Encreased theirs; Indeed it is
too much the Interest of every Province of this
Continent not to Exert themselves to the Utmost
at this present Crisis, and I shall be very glad to
have it in my power to Congratulate You upon
Your Success in Exceeding the last Year's Grant,
And upon the Arrival of the New hampshire Regi=
=ment at farthest the first Week in May.

I am,

&c

Jeff: Amherst.

Gov: Wentworth

Endorsed Copy Letter from/ M. Genl: Amherst to/ Govr: Wentworth/ Dated New York April 16th: 1759./ In answer to the Govrs of the 18th & 25th March;/ and Signifying that the Assembly of Newhampshire/ would not avail themselves of the short grants of Men of the Massachusetts & Connecticut both/ which, from what he had wrote to the Govrs of those/ two provinces, he had hopes would be encreased,/ and further, that he desired the Newhampshire/ Troops might be at Albany, by the first Week/ in May./ in M. G Amherst's of June 19: 1759./ No 1.

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C.O. 5:55

Portsmouth 29th April 1759-

Sir

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the post, wherein You express the Satisfaction it gives You, that in Consequence of the application of the Council & Assembly of this province, that the Forces raised in this Government for the present Expedition, might be transported by Water to Albany. but I am Sorry to Tell You that Notwithstanding that Specious pretence, and the trouble it gave both You & me, they have rejected the Proposals You made, and in=sist on Marching them by Land, this proceed=ing must Necessarily appear in a very Strange light to You, but to me it is familiar, hav=ing had a long experience of Similar cases, which for the good of the Service, I have been under a Necessity to Comply with, and Submit to.

It is with concern that I must Acquaint You that Since my last letter, the Measles has universally prevailed throughout the Pro=vince, & Still continues Spreading insomuch that I have not been Able to Muster more than half a Company at a time throughout the Regiments, the Companies Consisting gener=ally of Young Strong Active Men, inured to

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hardships & the Woods, & not one but under=
=stands the use of Arms in their own Way, the
Officers I am Apprehensive will make the lowest
figure, Consisting Chiefly of Country People, & very
little Acquainted abroad, but I am hoping they
will behave as well as Some of their Neigh=
=bours, having Collected as many of the former
Years officers as I could Provide for. Consistant
with the peace of the Regiment.

There being no other Measure, under the present
circumstances of things, to be pursued I have ordered Lieut.
Col.° Goffe to proceed directly for Worcester, & there to apply to the
Officer You have appointed for the Necessarys requisite, to
March the Army to Albany, the Captains are with their well
Men proceeding after him leaving their first Lieut.s to fol=
=low as fast as the men Recover.

The Sickness that has happend altho' it is unfor=
=tunate has given me the greatest uneasiness, but as it is the
dispensation of the Divine Providence it must be Submitted
to, and it may be better for the Men to be Sick at home,
than to have had a Sickly Camp in the Midst of your Operations.

His Excellency General Amherst I am Dear Sir Your B Wentworth

Endorsed Copy Letter from Gov.r Wentworth Do M.r Gen.l Amherst
April 29.th 1759 That the Assembly had rejected the permission given them by
the General (at their own request) to send their Troops to the rendezvous by Water
& now insisted on Marching them by Land That he had not yet been able to Collect
any number, owing to their being much afflicted with the Measles. See M.r
G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 No. 2.

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Albany 10th. May 1759.

Sir

I am this Moment favord with Yours of the 29th: Ultimo, Acquainting me that the Council & Assembly of New Hampshire, After my having at their request, Consented to Transport their Troops hither by Water had rejected that Permission, and insist on Marching them by Land, which proceding, as You very justly Observe, Appear to me in a very Strange light, as it might have been Attended with very great inconveniences & delays; however, as luckily Capt. Winslow, whom I have appointed to Muster the Massachusetts Forces is still at Worcester, I wrote to him by Express, that the New Hampshire Troops are to come that way, and that he is to follow the Same Instructions in regard to them that he has received in relation to the Others; I trust therefore that by the Time this reaches him, the New Hampshire Troops will be arrived there, if not I must repeat to You my most earnest Recom= =mendations upon receipt hereof, not to lose one Mo: =ments Time in Moving them to Worcester, as the proper Season for Commencing the intended Operations Advances fast, and that I am impatient to improve it which Together with Your Zeal for the Service, I am Conscious are sufficient Motives to induce You to use your best endeavours to prevent all delays and to Animate You to forward their departure with all

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possible Speed.

I am very Sorry for the distemper You have had Among You, and hope it will not be Attended with bad Consequences, but on the Contrary that it will have ceased & have enabled You to Compleat Your Series in the Manner You Mention, which cannot but prove very Agriable to me as we cannot have too many Young Strong Active Men inured to hard: ships & the Woods, and that understand the Use of Arms: the More of them the better, and I rely entirely on You, that all those of Your Province will prove such.

I am Dear

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Gov.r Wentworth.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / to Governor Wentworth / Albany 10th May 1759 ~ / In answer to the Govr. of the 29th April. Consenting to / the Newhampshire Troops coming by Land - Orders / given in Consequence thereof - And desiring that / he would hasten the March of those Troops. / in N. Y. Amherst's of June. 19 - 1759 / No. 3.

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Copy

Portsmouth, 17th. May 1759.

Sir,

I Had the honour to receive Your Excellency's Letter of the 10th. Instant, the 16th, and I am greatly Obliged to Your Early Care, in giving Capt. Wheelock at Worcester, the necessary Orders relative to the Forces raised in this Province for the Expedition under Your Command; I was apprehensive of Your dependance on our Men coming by Sea, and lest any delay should happen at Worcester, I sent forward an Express thither to learn whether any Provision was made for the New hampshire Regiment, or Orders given concerning them, the return of my Express brought me Capt. Wheelocks Certificate that he had no Orders concerning them, so that I was Obliged to Stop that part of the Regiment that had marched about Fifty Miles, until I had purchased Carts and Oxen, to transport Provisions to Subsist them to Albany, which upon the Receipt of Your Letter, I gave Orders to return, tho they had proceeded at least Forty Miles.

The Whole Regiment, Except those detained by Sickness, are on their March, and I hope will be soon ready for Service; the Sick shall March in small Partys as they recover,

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and tho I have taken all possible care that none March that are Suspected to be in danger of being infected with the Measles, yet I have daily Accounts of Many falling down on their March, and as this Distemper Appears to be universally Spread throughout the Provinces, I please myself with the thoughts of Your having the more healthy Camp this Campaign; Coll. Lovewell an Experienced Woodsman I have given the Command of the Regt. from this Province, and I hope his Conduct will be to Your Acceptance; he has my Orders when he Arrives within two days March of Albany to Acquaint You or the Commanding Officer at Albany that no time may be lost in Joining the Army.

I am, Dear

B. Wentworth

His Excell.y Gen.l Amherst

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Gov.r Wentworth/ to Ma. Genera[l] Amherst./ Dated Portsmouth May 17.th 1759./ Expressing his Obligations, for the Gen.l early care/ in sending the necessary Orders for providing/ every thing for the March of their Troops by/ Land: in Con=sequence of which the whole Regt.s/ except such as are still Sick of the Measles/ are on their March/ in Ma.y Amherst's of June. 19. 1759/ No.4.

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Extract./ Boston April 13th 1759.

Sir,

On the 11th I was honored with Your Letters of the 5th Instant, and am much Oliged to You for both, on my Own Account, and on that of the Public. — On the 11th I met my Assembly after their short recess: I Laied the matter of raising more Men before them. They went into a large Committee of both Houses, and the Committee have reported an Augmentation of 1500 Men to be raised by Enlistment at a Bounty of £10. p Man. The House this Afternoon have it under Consideration: I have no Confidence nor Trust in the Effect of this Measure, For as already Every Man that could be got to Enlist is Enlisted at a Bounty at £16 & 18 £ p Man (the Inhabitants of Every Town adding by Private Subscription One Man with Another £10. to the Bounty given by the Govt.) I shall have little hopes of raising Men by Enlistment be the Bounty what it will; But whatever be the Effect of this Measure; 'tis certain that the last Impress came so near the Upper Class of People amongst whom are the Sons & Relations of the Representatives and Magistrates that they will never come into a second Impress which must Extend to these. I Write this — Currente rotâ — Nothing is finally

determined, as soon as I can Write with precision I will acquaint You in a Public Letter.

As to the Men of the last Levies they are raised, some trifling deficiencys by Quakers, and people down of the Measles excepted. All those for the Eastern Service I have Ordered to the Castle, and they are there. The Thousand for the Bay of Fundy shall be ready to Embark on Monday if the Transports are ready; I imagine I shall get 180 or 200 Sailors, if not more, I have already sent part down to Halifax, the rest wait for Transports & passages.

That I might be sure of 2500 Men for the Eastern Business, when I considered that deficiencies might Arise besides the Deductions for Seamen, I Ordered to the Castle 3000 Men. so that 1560 is all that will go Not at present.

I Pownall

His Excell.y Gen.l Amherst.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Gov.r Pownall to M. Gen.l Amherst Dat.d Boston April 13.th 1759./ That the Assembly had voted an Augmentation of 1500 Men to be raised by Gen: -lieutenant at a bounty of £10 p Man; but that he had no Trust nor Confidence in the Effect of that Measure; and that all that would go Not at present. was 1560./ in M.G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 5.

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Extract./ New York 18th April 1759.

Sir,

I am very glad to See by Your Letter of the 13th Instant, this moment received, that Your Assembly have reported an Augmentation of 1500 Men, and hope when I come to Receive Your Public Letter upon that Subject, that that Measure will have been Attended with more Success than You seem to Apprehend; But be it as it will; it will always have the good Effect of Spiriting up the other Colonies, who make no Scruple of Quoting the Province of the Massachusets Bay for their Pre=cedent in directing their Votes, which of Course have been so much less in proportion than what they were last Year, founded on the Massachusets Bay having at first Voted only 5000 Men; You will therefore, I make no doubt, but think it reas=onable that added to all my foregoing Press=ing Instances, I have been so strenuous in my recommendations for an Augmentation, and that I could wish to See it take place.

The readiness those of Your People des=tined for the Eastern Service are in, is a fresh matter of Satisfaction to me, and I can=not Sufficiently commend Your Zeal & Vigilance upon this Occasion, particularly as the 1000 for the

Bay of Fundy, from their distances, could not move too Early to relieve those of the Regulars that are to make part of the Army that is to Act up the River St. Laurence, nor do I rejoice less at finding that You imagine You shall get 180 or 200 Sailors, if not more, and that part of them have already been Sent to Halifax; I Sincerely Wish not only they were all gone, but that their Numbers consisted of 500, for altho every One of those Men is a diminishing of the Strength under my immediate Command, Yet I am so Confident of the Use they must be of to the Fleet, and of Consequence to the whole of the Operations of this Ensuing Campaign, if they do but Join in proper time, that I can Easily reconcile to myself the Want of them.

Jeff: Amherst

Gov: Pownall.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from/ M. Genl. Amherst to Gov: Pownall/ Dat: New York April 18th: 1759./ Glad to find that the Massachusetts Forces destined/ to the Eastward are in such forwardness; hopes/ that he will prove more Successfull in his New/ Series than he apprehends, & could wish, tho/ a diminishing of the numbers that are to/ serve above Lake George, that the Seamen for/ Admrl: Durells Squadron, had been five instead/ of two hundred./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19: 1759/ No. 6.

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Boston April 19th 1759.

Sir,

After having raised the 5000 Men for which the General Court has in their former Sessions made Provision, I have the pleasure to Acquaint You I have been so happy as to Induce them to make Provision for 1500 More to be raised by Enlistment at a Bounty of £10..6..8 Sterling, and also a Dollar P Man to the Recruiting Officer for Every Man he shall raise, I am now giving out my Beating Orders, and tho as the Report of the Comittee Stood, I had very little hopes, yet now as the Vote Stands, I have really hopes of a Successfull and Speedy Serv.- Enclosed I take the liberty to Send You the Message of the Two Houses upon this Grant. I am doing every thing in my power to forward the Embarkation at this place; I hope this day the Detachments for Fort Cumberland & Sirquid will Embark - They reported themselves ready last Saturday, and had my Or:ders to put themselves under Col: Burton's Command, but from that time to this they have been fuz:zling. - Their Neglect of my Orders about the method of making the Billeting Rolls has been the principal thing, but I hope I have at last got them right. - When You have had the Plague of Deting with these Kind

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& Folks You will know not only how to Apologize for, but to Pity me.

I am,

Dear

J Pownall

P. S. I have this day Ordered Capt. Rollswil to take under his Care & Convoy into the Bay of Fundy the Transports going to Fort Cumberland.

To Genl. Gen. Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Pownall / to M. Genl. Amherst / Datd. at Boston April 19th: 1759 / That he had compleated the first Levy of 5000 & that / the Assembly had made provision for 1500 more, which now at the 11th stood he had really hopes of / a Speedy & Successful Levy of 5. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 7.

C.O.5:55

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Boston, 24th: April 1759.

Sir,

His Excellency Gov: Pownall having honoured me with the Command of the Massachusets' Troops for the General Service under the Command of Your Excellency, which were raised on the 6th. Inst: and Rendezvoused in the Counties of Worcester and Hampshire by the 12th: where they have been since Subsisted as much together as the Circumstances of the Country would permit, that the Officer to be Appointed by Your Excellency to Review them might be retarded as little as possible, and as Provision is become Scarce among those Inhabitants, and no greater Magazines laid up than will be necessary to March them from Post to Post till they arrive at Albany, or such other Place as Your Excellency will be pleased to Appoint, and no Billeting Money to be paid or Provisions Issued to them till they have been reviewed, I am Commanded by the Governor to Apply to Your Excellency for Direction in the matter, which shall be Observed as punctually as in my power.

I am Sir.

Jno: Ruggles

His Excell.y: General Amherst.

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Endorsed Copy Letter from Col: Timothy Ruggles to N. Gov: Amherst / Dat: Boston April 24th: 1759. / acquainting the Gov: with his being appointed to / the Command of the Massachusetts Forces; that / they were rendezvous'd in the Counties of Worcester / and Hampshire; and desiring that Officers / might be Appointed to Muster them & pay / them their billetting Money. / in N. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No: 8.

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New York 28th April 1759.

Sir,

Last night I had Your Letter of the 24th Instant, Acquainting me that Gov: Pownall had honoured You with the Command of the Massa: =chusets Troops for the General Service under my Command, upon which I Congratulate You, as also upon those Troops having been Raising =roused in the Counties of Worcester and Hamp: =shire by the 12th: which I knew nothing of Till I received Your Letter, or Otherwise I should before this have sent the proper Officers to Muster them, and do what I mentioned to the Gov: I should upon that Occasion; And now, that no time may be lost in forwarding those Troops with all possible Dispatch to Albany, for which place I Set out myself this day, I have Appointed Capt: Wheelock immediately to re= =pair to Worcester, & Lieut. Pynall to Springfield, to fulfill my Orders relative to the Receiving, Subsisting, and Setting in Motion the Troops under Your Com: =mand, agreable to my Notification to the Gov: of the 23d: of March; You will therefore upon Receipt hereof forthwith March those Troops to Worcester aforesaid, and Apply

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to Capt. Wheelock for what further Directions
You may stand in need of, to proceed with
them without delay to the place of Rendez:
vous at Albany.

I am,

Sir,

Your

Hble. Servt.

Jeffy. Amherst

Col. Timothy Ruggles.

Endorsed Copy Letter from / Ma. General Am:
herst to / Col. Timo. Ruggles of ye. Massachusets
Troops / Datd. New York April 28th. 1759. / That in
Consequence of his Letter of the 24th. / Acquainting him with
the Massachusetts / Forces under his Command being
rendezvoused / in Worcester & Hampshire Counties, he had /
given Instructions to Capt. Wheelock & Lieut. / Small to
repair to Worcester & Springfield / to Muster them & pay
them their billetting Money, / & desires that he will hasten
their March / to Albany. / in M. Gy. Amherst's of June
19. 1759 / No. 9.

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Albany 9th May 1759~

Sir

On the 27th Ultimo the Evening before my de=
=parture from New York for this place, I received
a Letter from Colonel Ruggles Acquainting me, that
You had honor'd him with the Command of the
Massachusetts Troops for the General Service un=
=der my Command; that those Troops had been ren=
=dezvous'd in the Counties of Worcester and Hamp=
=shire by the 12th of April; And that they only waited
to be Mustered & furnished with Provisions
Agreable to my Letters to You on that Subject,
in Order to begin their March for this place;
Accordingly, I immediately Appointed Capt Whee=
=lock & Lieut. Small to carry into Execution
the plan proposed in those Letters for the
better Regulating the Accounts of the Province
with the Crown, for which purpose I fur=
=nished him with the Necessary Instruc=
=tions Agreable thereto, and with Money to
pay for the Billetting of the Men from
the Day of their respective Enlistments to
that of their receiving the Kings Provis=
=ions at Worcester & Springfield whose Maga=
=zines had long Since been directed to be
Established, and proper Persons Order'd to be

sent thither to Issue them, which I doubt not had been done, but for fear of any Omission of the Contractors I again wrote to Colonel Jarvis directing him, that if those Persons were not, as pursuant to my former Orders, I expected, Stationed at those two places, he Should forthwith Send them thither to Execute their part of that Service; I also at the same time wrote to Col:=:onel Ruggles Acquainting him with the Several Orders I had given, & desiring that upon the re:=:ceipt of my Letter to him bearing date the 28th & which went by Express, he would imme:=:diately March the Troops under his Command to Worcester and there apply to Capt Wheelock, for what further directions he might Stand in Need of to proceed with those Troops without delay to the place of Rendezvous at Albany. And as Capt. Wheelock & Lt: Small the Let:=:ter of whom is Ordered to Springfield, were to Set out that very day, I am in hopes that those Troops are Marched and far in their way hither as the Season is already Adv:=:ancing, And that no time must be lost in beginning the intended operations, wherefore least any unforeseen Accident Should have happened to retard their Motions, which I hope not, I

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must beg of You to use Your Authority to Spur them on and to forward them in their March with all Speed.

I also upon the day of my arrival here ye 3^d: Instant, received a Letter from Col^o. Williams, bearing date at Hatfield the 30th: of April. Inform:-ing me that pursuant to Your Orders he had raised by Enlistment in the Regiment in the County of Hampshire 100 Effective men to re:-lieve the 100 Regulars at N°. 4. and that he expected they would Soon be ready to March thither: as this could not but be Agreable to me I immediately wrote to Col^o. Ruggles & enclosed to him Instructions for Capt. Elijah Smith, who had the Command of those Men, forthwith to Set out for N°. 4 To re:-lieve Capt. Cruchbanks. & Orders to the latter, to give up the Command of the several Posts he Occupied to the former, & to furnish him with all the Intelligence & Information Necessary for their Defence & the protection of the Country round about them, So that I trust Capt Smith will lose no time in Repairing to N°. 4. As I am informed that it has been usual for Your province during the foregoing Campaigns

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to Establish a Post between Boston and the Army, and that I cannot but highly approve of so good a Measure, I could wish that you had already Settled one for this Campaign as it will enable me to Correspond with You in a more direct & Speedier Manner than by the Way of New York which must retard our Letters Several Days, I Shall Therefore be glad if You have not Already fixed upon Your Riders, that You would do it as Soon as possible & be pleased to give me Notice of it that I may govern myself Accordingly.

As an Army cannot be too well Supplied with Refreshments of all Kind I have to induce the people of the provinces who may be inclined to bring Such to the Lake, drawn up the inclosed Advertisement which I must beg of You to get inserted in the Boston Papers, as from the Encouragements Offer'd by it I Trust many will be glad to Accept of the Conditions.

I am &c.a Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed Copy/Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to Governor Fitch/Albany 9th May 1759~/acquainting him with having appointed Capt/Whitlock & Lieut. Small to Muster the Massachusetts Forces at Worcester & Springfield, that they/were set out with money for that purpose &/therefore desired the Govr would hasten the/March of His Troops &c./in M.G. Amherst's of June 19:1759/N:10.

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Boston 4th: May 1759.

Sir,

It is incumbent on me to Acquaint Your Excellency that Gov.r Pownall left the Town in order to proceed to Penobscot the 30th: of last Month, Before his departure the Cumb: =berland, Picquid, Annapolis & Fort Frederick Detachments had all Embarked, The 500 for Halifax & Lunenburg Embarked the last Evening & this Morning; There are about 1100 Men now remaining at the Castle and Point Shirley, 200 of them are Sick with the Measles, but as they daily recover I doubt not there will be 1000 ready for Louisbourg as soon as the Transports are ready to receive them; I can Enlist many of them for the Sea Service, but I imagine it of more importance to have these Detachments Compleated: As soon as this is done, if any out of those which remain can be Engaged as Seamen, I will cause it to be done, and the rest I intend to Send to Ad: =miralty by Water.

I Have had repeated Accounts of the difficulty of Supplying the Forces which have been at Worcester some Time past; I Assure

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the People they will very soon have Your Ex:
:cellency's Orders for the March of those Forces,
and for Payment of their Billeting, as well as
for those at Springfield; I am Satisfied that it
is very burdensome to those Towns, Provisions
being scarcer than at any time for several
Years past.

The Govr. left with me the Billeting Rolls
for 23^d Seamen to be transmitted, but as I imi=
=agine there will be some Addition I am Willing
to give Your Excellency but one trouble, I shall
not fail of acquainting You with every Occurrent
during the Gov^rs absence worthy Your Notice,
and shall readily forward every measure for
promoting His Majesty's Service. I am, &c.

T. Hutchinson

His Excell^y Genl Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from / Lt. Govr Hutchinson
to M. Genl. Amherst / Dat^d Boston May 4th 1759. — / Ac=
=quainting the Genl that all the Massachusetts / Forces destined
to serve to the Eastward, except / about 1100. are Embarked
& that he does not / doubt but 1000 of them will be ready to /
Embark also, so soon as the Transports can / be ready to
take them in. / in N. Y. Amherts of June 19: 1759 /
N°. 11.

C.O. 5:55

Copy

Boston May 7th 1759.

Sir,

Upon a Review of the first Forces that Embarked Coll. Burton declined receiving 33 or 34, there are 4 or 5 of the last likewise rejected; Several of them are Blacks, but Stout able Fellows, Some of them are Men between Fifty & Sixty Years of Age, the greatest part are Lads from 16 to 18, but small for their Age: Most of the Blacks and the Boys were in the Service last Year: I am at a loss how to dispose of them. If I dismiss them I have no authority to Impress or to give the Province Bounty to others to Enlist in their Stead, and I do not think it proper to Send them Westward without Your Excellency's Approbation. I Shall therefore detain them at the Castle until I receive Your Answer. I Should hope those Boys who have been in Service when they were a Year Younger, may be better Qualified than by a View of their Size they appear to be, but if they are finally to be dismissed, the Sooner I know Your Excellency's mind the better, seeing the Crown is at daily Expence for their Provisions, and the Province for their Wages.

I Find among the Papers Gov. Pownall left with me an Acco.t of 8 Whaleboats Sent to New-

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York the last Year by Order of General Abercrombie. Col: Otis who purchased them is now in Town, and Urges me to Write to You upon it, and to desire the Payment. I shall Enclose Copy of a Letter and Ac=count which he Sent the last Year, Expecting to meet me at New York, but as I did my Business with the General at Albany, the Letter missed me. I Have no doubt that the Money both for the Boats & the Freight is justly due, and I hope Your Excellency will Order Payment of it.

There has been a Report in Town this day or two of Dispatches brought from Admiral Saunders for Your Excellency, and I See they have it in the Newspapers. I have made Enquiry in order to have forwarded them and I find the Report to have been without foundation.

I am,

Dear

J. Hutchinson

His Excell.y Gov.r Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Lt. Gov.r Hutchinson / to M. General Amherst / Dat.d Boston May 7.th 1759. / That some Men had been rejected by Col. Burton; / desiring to know what to do with them, as they / were fit for Service, & that by turning them off / they could not well be replaced & would be a / heavy Expence to the Province. / in M. G. Amherts of June 19. 1759 / N.o 12.

C.O.5; 55

Copy

Boston 8th May 1759.~

Sir,

I intended my Letters by a private hand, but being informed that the Officers Sent by Your Excel=lency to Review the Forces at Worcester and Spring=field intend to wait untill the 17th of this Month, when the time for Enlisting the Additional Forces Expires, I think it necessary to Send an Express that I may have Your Answer to what I have already Wrote relative to their Disposition and place of Rendezvous. I find in several Parts of the Province they Enlist briskly but I can't Im=agine the 1500 will be Compleat.

I am,

&c.a.

Tho Hutchinson

His Excell.y General Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from Lt. Govr. / Hutchinson to / M. Genl. Amherst / Dated Boston May 8th. 1759~ / That the New Levies in several parts of the / Province Enlist briskly, but that he cannot / think the 1500. will be Compleat. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 13.

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Albany 11th: May 1759~

Sir

About Two this afternoon Arrived Wier the Ex:=
=press, with Your three Several Letters of the 4th:
7th & 8th: Instant, the first of which Confirms to me
the Intelligence I had received of Governor Pownalls
being Set out for Penobscot; and also brings me the
Agreable Tidings that the Detachments for Cumber:
=land, Piziquid, Annapolis and Fort Frederick had
Embarked before his departure; That the 500 for Halifax
and Lunenberg Embarked on the 4th: & the Evening be:
=fore; and that there were about 1100 Men, Remaing
at the Castle and Point Shirley, of which there were
200 Sick of the Measles, but as they daily recover'd
You did not doubt but they would be ready to
Embark for Louisburg so Soon as the Transports
would be in readiness to Receive them; All which
I cannot but approve, and wish that Your hopes
have been Accomplished, and that are all gone for.
and, before this Reaches You, Safe arrived at Louis:
=burg, where they must be greatly desired and
Wanted.

You Judged very right in imagining that it
was of more importance to have those Detachments
Compleated than to Enlist any of those Men for
the Sea Service altho they should be ever so

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inclined to it, When I asked Seamen of the Gover:
-nor, which was very Early in the Season, it was
with no other View than to Enable Admiral Durell
to Man his Ships (the Crews of which were then very
Weak) and to Cruise off the Mouth of the River St.
Laurence so soon as the Season would Permit, in
Order to prevent the Enemy from Succouring Quebec
with Troops, Provisions &c., but this Motive now
Ceasing by the Arrival of the Fleet from England,
this Request of Course drops, Particularly if they
were to make Part of the Provincials demanded
for the Garrisons of Nova Scotia, the Bay of Fundy
& Louisburg, which by no Means must Suffer any
diminution, and whatever remains of Your Quota,
after these Places are Supplied Must be Sent this
Way, where We shall Certainly have Occasion for
them, And that without any delay, so that I hope
You will lose no time in forwarding their Serv,
and Marching them to Worcester, where I shall
Order Capt. Wheelock to Remain till their Ar-
-rival, as he is furnished with Money to Pay
their Billetting, and that Provisions are laid up
there, and at Springfield to Supply them from
those two places to this, as I mentioned in
my Letter of the 9th to Governor Pownall, which
I make no doubt, in his Absence, You will have

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opened, as it was directed to the Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being, by which You will see the Arrangement I had taken, so Soon as I knew that Colonel Ruggles's Regiment was Pen=: =dezvoused, which was not till the 27th: Ultimo at Night, for as to bringing those Troops by Water, now, would be very inconvenient, and might per=: =haps Retard their Arrival considerably, which the present Circumstances cannot allow of.

Whatever Men may have been rejected by Col: Burton, if, as You say, they were in the Service last Campaign, You will Send them hither, as I Shall not look on Colour, Size, or Age, provided they be able Bodied, Strong Active Men, inured to Hardships, and that know the use of a Gun.

You may whenever You please Transmit me the Billetting Accounts for the Seamen, which, if properly Stated & Vouched, Agreable to former Di=: =rections, Shall be immediately Passed.

I am very much Obliged to You for the News Papers, as also for your Particular Enquiry after the Paquetts which were reported to have been brought for me from Admiral Saunders, which, as You could not learn any thing about, must doubtless have been without any foundation, but I must beg

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of You to be so good as to Continue Your good Offices, in getting all those that may come Ad: :dressed to me, and to be pleased to forward them by Express.

Mr. Macys Accounts were Mentioned to me by the Governor; My answer to him was, that Altho it was a Transaction prior to my command, Yet, Upon what he Quoted of Genl: Abercrombys Letter, and that if he thought it Just, any Allowance Should be made for those Whaleboats, I should guide myself by his Advice; Since that I have heard no more of the Affair till Now, and there it has Rested.

I am.

Sir &c.

Jeff. Amherst

The Honble Lt: Govr: Hutchinson

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl: Amherst/ to Lt: Govr: Hutchinson/ Albany 11th May 1759 ~/ Acknowledging the reciept of the Lieut: Govrs of the/ 4th & 7th & 8th. May, approving what he therein/ mentions to have done in regard to the Embarkation/ of the Troops for the Eastward & the March of those/ that are to serve under the Genl./ in N. Y. Amherst of June. 19: 1759/ No: 14.

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Copy

Boston, 12th May 1759~

Sir,

We fall short about 120 Men of the Detach=
=ment for Louisbourg; I Offered Col. Burton to
make up the Deficiency from our New Raised
Men, having a sufficient Number ready, but he
chose rather to take the Men in the Barracks,
who are more or less every day recovering, and
by the time a Transport can be ready will pro=
=bably be ready for her.

The Regiment has left behind them a
Number of Women & Children, which must im=
=mediately come to the Town for their Support;
I Should not have mentioned it to Your Ex=
=cellency if I had not apprehended some ill
Consequences from it; Notwithstanding the
little Piques between some of the Troops &
the Inhabitants at first, Yet of late there
has been a good understanding and perfect
quiet; If the Town is forced to bear the
Charge of these Women and Children I am
afraid it will cause a great deal of Discon=
=tent and Grumbling; If they were any of
them picked up here there is not the least
room for Exception to their remaining here,
but for such as were brought in with the

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Regiment I could wish that Your Excellency might direct to some measures to ease this Burden.

I Have Letters from the Govr. at Fal:-mouth dated the 7th. He Sailed from thence the 8th. for S^t. George's, where he makes a very short Stay and proceeds to Penobscot, and I hope may be at home in a fortnight.

I Have the Honour to be

&c^a

Tho Hutchinson

His Excell^y. General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from S^t. Govr. Hutchinson / to M. General Amherst / Dat^d. Boston 12th. May 1759. / That he falls short of the detachm^t. for Louisburg / about 120 Men, which deficiency at Col. Burton's / desire are to be made up from the Men in the / Barracks, who are daily recovering of the / Measles & will probably be ready by the time / a Transport for them can be so. / in M.G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / N°. 15.

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C.O.5:55

Copy

Albany, 19th May 1759.

Sir,

Yesterday I was favoured with Yours of the 12th Instant, as likewise with One from Colo. Burton of the day following wherein he acquaints me with what You mention in regard to Your de=ficiency in the Detachment for Louisbourg, and that he had Chose to make it up out of the Recovering Men in the Barracks, which I en=tirely approve of, and hope that they are not only quite recovered ere this, but that the Brig which was left for them, will have been ready time Enough to take them on board, and to have Sailed with them soon after Colo. Burton's departure, which, from his Letter, I trust was on Monday last; - Before I quit this Subject, I must not Omit returning You my thanks for the Aid and Assistance You have granted the Colonel in the Embarkation, since Gov. Pownall has been absent from the Govern=ment, Your Conduct in which and every thing relative thereto, Colo. Burton highly Commends, and it behoves me to Acknowledge.

With regard to the Number of Women & Children the Regiment has left behind, I can say nothing further, than that if any of

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them make part of the Number allowed to Each Corps, Provision ought to have been made for them by the Regiment before their Embarkation, which is so constant a Practice among us, that I am confident it would not have Escaped Coll. Burton, but as it is most probable that those with You are Supernumeraries, for which there is no Allowance whatsoever, they must Work for their Livelyhood, which they may easily gain in Boston, if they are not abandoned & Lazy, and in the latter Case they ought to be Compelled to it, as I should be Sorry they were a Burthen to the Town.

I Am glad to hear You had tidings of the Governor's having Proceeded on his way to Penobscot, and hope I shall soon have the pleasure of learning that he has returned, and that he has Succeeded in every thing to his Expectations.

Since Writing the above the Express who Carried You mine of the 9th is returned with Yours of the 15th by which I learn with great pleasure that in the forenoon of that same day the Men of War and Transports were all under Sail, going out of Nantasket with a Brisk Gale, at South West, from whence I hope they will have a quick and safe Passage.

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I am Obliged to You for Your Care of my Let=
=ters, as well as for the Dispatch You have given
to the Provincial Forces of the Massachusets Bay,
which I must beg of You to Continue, as nothing
but their, and some other Provincials Arrival
here, has hitherto prevented my Moving up
to Fort Edward, where I am very impatient
of being.

I am glad You have Settled the Post be=
=tween this and Boston, and that it is to go
& come Weekly, and to begin the next.

I Thank You for Your Intelligence from
Guadaloupe, and I hope that the next will
bring us the Accounts of its Surrender.

I Again beg leave to Trouble You with
the three Enclosed for Col: Jarvis, Mr: Meserve
& Capt: Loring: If the Latter should be gone
from Boston in his way to New York before
this reaches You, Please to Send it me back.

I am,

Yrs.

Jeff: Amherst.

Lt: Govr: Hutchinson

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Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Gen.l Amherst/ to Lt. Gov.r Hutchinson/ Dat.d Albany May 19th. 1759/ In answer to the Lieut. Gov.r of the 12th., approving/ what he therein mentions, & thanking him for/ his care & dispatch of the Embarkation./ in M.G. Am=herst's of June 19. 1759./ No. 16.

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Boston 15th May 1759~

Sir

Your Excellencys Letter of the 9th came to my hands last evening about 6 oClock. Colo. Burton had left the Town about two hours before, I sent a Boat from the Castle with the Letters, to him & Capt. Bond at Nantasket & I shall detain the Express until I know Whither they have any Answers to send or not. The Letter to Govr. Wentworth went this Morning by the Post. Those to Mr. Hancock & Colo. Jarvis were delivered immediately.

I have done every thing in my Power for giving dispatch to the Provincial Forces since the direction has devolved upon me, and I now Send by this Express Peremptory Orders to Colo. Ruggles to march or to continue his March to Albany without the least delay or interruption.

I likwise write to Colo. Williams that if the 100 Men are not Marched to No. 4 he cause them to March immediately. When the Governor left Boston he told me he had received no advice how the New raised Men would be disposed, which caused me to Send an Express last week whose return I expect daily. I will diligently apply my-self to forming them & causing them to march to their rendezvous, but from the Manner in

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which the Court voted they should be raised Viz^{t}: by a great Number of enlisting Officers it must of Necessity take more time than I could wish

The post between Boston & Albany Shall be: -gin Next Week, Two persons Gunn & Cotton have undertaken it and it is expected that they perform the Stage every week. I have given Orders for pub=-lishing the Advertisement which You was pleased to inclose in the next News paper.

We had a Vessell Yesterday in 19 days from Sta Cruse, When they had the last advice from Guad=-aloupe the French had not Surrender'd.

I am &a

Thomas Hutchinson

At half past Eleven in forenoon the Man of War & Transports are all under Sail going out of Nantasket with a brisk Gale at S. west ~

His Excellency General Amherst

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from L^{t}: Govr: Hutchinson/ to Gen=-eral Amherst/ Boston May 16th: 1759/ That since the direction of the Govr. had devolved on/ him he had given all possible dispatch to the/ provincial Forces, and had given orders in/ consequence of the Gen^{ls} of the 9th, for hastening their March / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / N°. 17.

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Boston 17th May 1759 ~

Sir

I have the honour of Your Letter of the 11th by Wier the Express. All the Men which have been in Service before & have been rejected by Col: Burton likewise all the Blacks I intend Shall March to morrow or Next day under the Care of an Officer, There are between 40 and 50, I am very glad I did not take Col: Burton's advice immediately to dismiss them all I will Send more by Water & will Suffer no more to enter into the Sea Service.

I Shall have Six or Seven Companies (of fifty) of the new raised Men at Worcester the beginning or by the Middle of Next week at farthest, and I Shall Make all the dis=patch with the rest which it's possible to do.

As the enlisting Seamen is now at an end I will Compleat the billetting Rolls & Send them the Next Opertunity.

Mr: Loring has Sent me word that the Transport which is to take the Company for Louisburg will be ready on Saturday; there never was a finer time than the rest have had for 48 hours past. I heard on Tuesday that an Officer was Arrived at Newbury from Halifax

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with Paequets for your Excellency. He did not come to this Town untill last Night. I Sent this morning to desire to See him & Mentioned to him my Sence of the importance of a more Speedy delivery of publick Letters, He told me he would Set out in the Morning but I prevailed on him to deliver me Your Letter & one for Col. Townshend which Occasions my Sending our Post Rider who intended to Stay untill Monday immediately away. The Officers Name is Johnson of the Train & intends now to New York having Orders to go to Europe

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

Thomas Hutchinson

His Excellency General Amherst

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Govr: Hutchinson / to Gen=eral Amherst / Boston May 17th: 1759 / That he shd: have Six or Seven Companies (of fifties) / of the new raised Men at Worcester the beginning / or by the middle of next Week &c / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No: 18.

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Copy

Albany 21st: May 1759.

Sir,

I Am very much Obliged to You, and Can:
=not Sufficiently thank You for the pains You have
been at in procuring the Packet, which You heard
had Come for me from Halifax, and for the Dis:
=patch with which You have been so good as to
forward it to me; I Received it last Night, with
Yours of the 17th:, by which I See with pleasure that
You intended on Friday or Saturday last, to March
all the Men that have been in Service before,
as likewise all the Blacks (rejected by Coll: Burton)
to the amount of between 40 and 50 under the
Care of an Officer, And that You should have Six
or Seven Companies (of Fifty's) of the New Raised
Men at Worcester the beginning, or by the mid:
=dle of this Week at farthest; Nor do I doubt,
but You will make all the Dispatch with
the rest that it is possible to do; Notwith:
=standing of which, You may perhaps, by the
time this Comes to Your hands, not have
entirely succeeded according to Your wishes,
and probably Part of the New Raised Men
be then still at Boston, in which Case I
would beg of You, that Three hundred of
them might be Sent to Louisbourg to Serve

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as Pioneers on the Expedition up the River St: Laurence, where I Understand they will be greatly wanted, as that Number cannot be Spared from the Garrison of Louisbourg for fear of Weakening it too much; And as I am Conscious that this Reinforcement will be of the Utmost import=ance, and greatly tend to the good of His Ma=jesty's Service, which I know You have much at heart, I am willing to flatter myself that You will Use all Your Influence to Concur therein, And that You will not hesitate One Moment to Comply with this so Essential & necessary measure, upon the Strength of which, I Send You Capt: Abercromby, My Aid de Camp, to Muster and Superintend their Embarkation, which must immediately take Place, or otherwise these Men will be of no Use, & may as well not be Sent at all, nor must not be Sent, Unless, as I said before, they are ready to depart immed=iately after the Receipt hereof, which I should hope they will be, as they need take nothing with them, since they will find Tools and Arms at Louisbourg, and that Capt: Abercromby Carries Orders to Mr: Hancock to procure Sloops for them, and to Mr: Jarvis to Victual them.

As I have nothing more at heart than

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the Success of that Expedition, which must greatly contribute to all the Others on the Continent., I would be Aiding to it to my Utmost, and therefore I should be Extreamly glad to Reinforce them with those Three Hundred Men, in which I hope You will Second me, and that You may be the better able to Succeed therein, You may Assure those Men from me, that so soon as their Business is done there, they shall have leave to Return; Besides which I shall include them in the Numbers of those that are to Serve with me.

I am,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Lt. Govr. Hutchinson.

Endorsed Copy Letter from/ Ma. General Amherst to/ Lt. Govr. Hutchinson./ Datd. Albany May 21st: 1759/ That understanding M.G. Wolfe wanted a Number/ of Men to serve as pioneers, he therefore desires/ the Lieut. Govr. & strongly recommends it to him/ (if the New Levies are not already all Marched)/ to send 300. of them without delay to/ Louisburg./ in M.G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759./ No. 19.

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Copy Boston 22d: May 1759.

Sir,

Capt: Loring will Acquaint Your Excellency that the last Company of the Louisbourg Detachment is Embarked, and will Compleat the 1000 Men in=cluding Officers. Col. Burton left no Directions about the Billeting Money: I doubt not You will Approve of my having advanced it: I will transmit the Roll by the next Opportunity.

I Have Compleated Ten Companies of the New Enlistment; I think I can depend on hav=ing One Thousand Men, perhaps more, and am taking every method in my power to forward their March.

I Have Letters from the Governor at St: Georges the 13th: He was then under Sail for Penobscot; His Measures are disagreable to the Indians which Shews them to have been the more necessary; He desires me to write to You and to make his Compliments; I Expect his Re=turn by this day Sennight at farthest.

I Have the Honour to be,

Sir

Tho Hutchinson

May 23: I shall Deliver Capt: Loring the Billeting Roll paid by the Governor

His Excell.y Genl: Amherst

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Endorsed Copy Letter from/ Lieut. Govr. Hutchinson/ to M. General Amherst/ Datd. Boston May 22d. 1759./ That the 1000. Men for the detachmt. of Louisburg/ are Compleated & Marched. ~ That ten Companies/ of the New Series are also Compleated, & that he/ thinks he can depend upon having 1000. Men/ more; And, that he is taking every method in/ his power to forward their March./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. /Nº 20.

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Albany 30th: May 1759-

Sir

By the Express, who arrived this Morning with Letters from Louisburg, I had one from Capt. Abercromby, that gives me great Satisfaction, as he Mentions that You had very readily Consented to my Request of 300 of Your new raised Men being Sent to Louisburg for Pioneers and that in all likelyhood they would be ready to Embark in the Transports Arrived from New York under Convoy of the Scarborough (which is another very lucky incident) on the evening of the 27th: for which purpose You were going down with him to the Castle, for all which I am extreamly obliged to You & return You my most sincere thanks.

As I have Some dispatches for Louisburg & Halifax which I could wish to get there as Soon as possible, I do not Chuse to detain the Express, and therefore Shall only acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of 22d: which I re:=ceived on Sunday Night by Capt. Loring To:=gether with the Billetting Rolls, which I have referred to the Deputy Quarter Master General so soon as he has Examined them, I shall Order them to be paid; And when I receive

those for the Thousand Men for the Louisburg de=
=tachment, care Shall likewise be taken to see them
paid

I am of opinion with You that the more dis=
=agreable the Governors Measures are to the Indians
the more they were Necessary, I hope he will be
with You Soon & I beg You will return him my
Compliments

M: Hancock having frequent Opportunities to
Send to Louisburg and Halifax, I will not trouble
You with my dispatches but Send them to him

I am &c

Jeff Amherst

L: Gov: Hutchinson

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl: Amherst/ to L:
Gov: Hutchinson/ Albany 30th May 1759 ~/ thanking him
for his ready compliance with the/ Govs. request of sending
300 New Levies to serve/ as pioneers under M G Wolfe/
in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / No. 21.

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Copy

Boston May 30th. 1759.

Sir,

Yesterday at Noon I returned to this place from Penobscot - This day is Our General Election - Captain Abercromby tells me he Sets out to morrow - Not having the proper Draughts Copied nor my Journal drawn out I am not able to Write to You in form, but I cannot dispense with my giving You Such Account as this Short Time will permit - As soon as I had dissolved the General Court, Compleated the forming & preparing for Embarkation, and Marching the first Leavy of my Troops to Serve under You and Mr. Wolfe, and given out the Beating Orders for Raising the Second Levy, I Set out for Falmouth, where the Materials for the Fort were preparing and Framing, and where I had Ordered the Troops destined to go with me to Penobscot - I Arrived there the 5th. of May, proceeded with 333, all that I could get ready, and left the rest to Come after with the Materials and Workmen - I proceeded to George's - I Marched the Men off from thence thro' the Woods, and Ordered them to Chain the whole way - I Went myself round in the King George up the Bay, and Sent Sanders round in the Massachusets Sloop, to Convoy the Sloops with the Workmen

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and Materials - As soon as the Troops arrived at the mouth of Nausequsawakeag River where I had Ordered them, I Embarked them & carried them to the Mouth of Penobscot River, there being at this place a point of Land that Com=: =manded the River and Passes on it, and the Passes at the head of the Bay, I took Post there about 7 Miles above the Old French Fort at Pen=: =tagoet, and Kept out Posts at all the Passes, with which I could preserve any proper Com=: =munication, and as soon as the remainder of the Troops destined for this Service, arrived from Fal=: =mouth, where I left them to Come on with the Workmen and Materials for the Fort, I proceeded with 136 Men in Two Sloops and Ten Whaleboats, up to the Falls where Navigation Ends. - I then Landed, and proceeded the rest of the Way to the head of the Falls about 4 Miles & a Quarter thro the Woods, I met with no Opposition nor saw One Indian or French - Finding neither here, nor in any other part of the River, a place either in Site or Command fit for a Fort, between where I first took Post and these Falls - I here Erected a Flagg Staff, hoisted the King's Colours, Saluted them, and performed other Ceremonies of Possession=: =ing, and returned again to the place I had first

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taken post at ~ As soon as I returned I made the necessary preparations for Building the Fort, began it immediately laid the Ground Work of the Whole. Saw it put in Execution ~ Left the necessary Directions for Compleating the Works, and came away to Boston, as my presence could not be dispensed with at the General Election, which is this day, as I have a Nega:=tive in Every Election. ~ As I had previously Ordered all the Materials to be framed at Falmouth, and they were brought to the Spot ready prepared, the whole will be Compleated in three Weeks or a Month ~ Some Indians met me at George's in my way to Penobscot, under pretence of coming with Offers from the Penobscots, Matchias, and Passamaquodi Indians to treat with me. I found they came only to Amuse me and as Spies ~ One had a French Commission as an Ensign, and if he had been a Frenchman I would have hanged him ~ I Let them Spy just what I pleased & nothing that they liked, and at a proper time sent them off with the En:=closed Message.

The Spot where I have Set down the Fort, is a high Point of Land, running direct E & W across the River three Quarters of a Mile, is

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60 feet perpendicular, except One Spot where a convenient Beach for Landing - No Land within four Mile on any Side is so high as this point - So that as to the Scite of the Fort, I am in hopes 'tis as well posted as any in America - The Com= =mand it has is as follows - From the point to the Opposite Side I could not measure Exactly, having no Instruments with me, and the Rapidity of the Tide rendring a Passage in a right line across impracticable - however a Nine pounder with an Elevation of about 12 Degrees, throws a Shot close in shore before it Strikes - At this Point the Fort Commands both Branches of the River which meet just above it - It Commands the Indian Carrying Place, the Road from Penobscot to Georges - It Commands, by having in View, Cape Rosier, which is the Outlet for the Eastern In= =dians & Pantaquet, the Rendezvous where they generally meet, and the Carrying place or Long Island over which they pass in their way to Our Settlements - To keep up this Command to its Utmost Effect I propose to Keep always at the Fort a Number of Whaleboats, and not have the Garrison lye idle in the Fort, but to keep Parties out constantly in these several Parts & Passes, either on the Scout or in Ambuscade -

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If these good Effects are produced, they will Speak for themselves, if not, Words will not produce them - There is an Exstream fine Harbour within this Point, 2 Mile Wide and a Mile & Quarter deep with 7 Fathom of Water, where Lord Colvill once was, and being the first King's Officer that I Suppose ever was there I have taken the Liberty to call it Colvill Harbour -

I Most heartily Wish you Success & health & Am

Yrs

J Pownall

His Excellency Genl. Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr: Pownall / to M. General Amherst / Datd: Boston May. 30th: 1759. / His Journey to Penobscot, taking possession of the / ground in the Kings name, setting down a Fort on / it; discription of its Situation; Indians come to / treat with him & his Speech to them, enclosed. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / No: 22.

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Copy Govr: Pownall's Message to the Penobscot Indians.

The Names of the Indians who pretended to Come with offers from the Several Tribes to treat with me - but had no Powers, were Spies.

Laurent . . . A Penobscot - Great Grandson of Old Castine

Joseph . . . A Penobscot.

Joseph Marie . . A Matchias

Zacharie . . . A Passamaquada - a French Ensign.

I Kept them till the Troops Marched & then Sent off with a Passport and the following Message.

"At Georges You were under my protection. You could not have gone safe home had not I brought You here - You may now go safe - Take this Flag as a Passport to Penobscot & Return to Your Town. / Gave them an Union Flag.

"Tell Your People that I am Come to Build a Fort at Penobscot, and will make the Land English - I am able to do it and I will do it - If they Say I shall not, Let them come and Defend their Land now in time of War - Take this Red Flag to Remember what I say - When I have built my Fort, and Sett down at Pen-obscot, if ever there be an Englishman Killed by Your Indians, You must all from that hour fly from the Country, for I will Send a Number

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of Men on all Sides the River, and Sweep from One End to the Other and hunt ye all out.

Gave them a Red Flag.—

"As to the People of Penobscot I seek not their favor, nor fear them — They can do me neither good nor harm — I am Sorry for their distress and would do them good — Let them become English, they and their Wives & Families, and Come & Live under the protection of the Fort, and I will protect them — They shall have Wig=wams and planting Ground near the Fort, and may hunt as usual — But the English shall hunt also — They shall not Interfere with Each Others hunt when they hunt Sep=arate, and they may hunt together when they Chuse it. — If they will live under the English Laws I will make such of their Sunganas as they shall Chuse Justices to do Justice — to Right what may be Wrong, and to keep Peace amongst Yourselves — And when any thing happens Wrong be=tween the English and Indians, an English Justice and an Indian Justice shall meet and do right between them. You shall have a free Market for Your Furrs and Skins, & the Price Set by Agreement. — Take this

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White Flag and Remember this.' —

Gave them a White Flag.

Penobscots . Men Capable of Bearing Arms 36

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These Three Tribes Unite as One Nation .

NB. They said they had no Priest, nor no Neu=
=tral French amongst them — but this latter not
true .

Endorsed Copy Govr: Bournall's Speech to the Pen=
obscot Indians. — / Enclosed in the Govr. to Genl. Amherst of 30th May
1759 / in M^r. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / N^o: 23.

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May 17 59 4 P.M.

Five oClock P. M — Arrived at Falmouth the most Eastern Town but one in the Province where I had directed the Materials for Build: :ing a Fort to be Collected, and the wood part framed ready. And while I had Ordered the Troops destined for the Penobscot Service to Rendezvous.

Perceived the Carpenters Work found the Lower Story of the Block house finished and the Flooring of the upper Story laid — Flagg the Undertaker says he can be ready by the 11th:

Gave Orders to Brigr: Preble to make me Returns of Stores, provisions and what was wanting to Compleat the whole for immediate Embarkation.

Upon Examination Found that they hav: :ing got a Notion that I Should not come down or at least not proceed till the Frame of the Fort was Compleated at Falmouth which Supposing could not be within a fort: :night — Had Neglected to Collect the Men or to form them more to Arm and Equip them.

By the Commissaries Return of what provisions I Should have to proceed with I found he was going to Issue out to the Men

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a back Allowance from the day of their En=
=listment, by which I should not have Pro=
=visions to proceed with.

Therefore Ordered the Captains to make out Billetting Rolls instead thereof.

5th: Gave Orders to have the Men formed into Companies, the Blankets, Haversacks, Can=
=teens, Shot pouches, Tin Kettles delivered. Also to have them Compliated with Arms and Powder Horns where deficient. That I wold review them on Monday & Expected to have them ready to March on board from the Field, to have a Number from each Company Appointed to Cast Bullets

Distributed the Freight of the Materials & Transportation of the Men.

The Sloop with the Bricks & Bricklayers, Wheel barrows, Oak Plank, Iron Work &c arrived at 2 P M.

6th: Sent off Expresses to the Captains of the Eastern Companies, to Kennebeck, to Penaquide &c. to Meet me at Georges to receive my Orders.

at 10. A. M. Capt Mallowell Arrived.

7th Repeated Orders for Returns of Men, Stores, Provisions which I cannot get - much Confusion.

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Put the Care of the Embarkation under Capt. Hollowell Received Capt Herricks and Capt. Beans Company saw them Equipt and Marchid off to Embark.

Borrowed, for which I gave my Bills 114. to pay the Billetting Rolls -

Reciev'd Capt. Cargill's Company saw them Equipp'd and Marched off to Embark-

Saw all the proirions got on board Preble's Lighter.

8th: Embarked in all 333 Men. Left the Rest to come with Flagg in the Sloops who brought the Materials, proceided for Georges.

9th: At 3 A. M. Arrived at the Mouth of Georges River at 10. Set out for the Fort in the Barge Yaul and Six Whale boats for the Fort St. Georges, at 3 P. M. Arrived. Visiting the Garrison'd Houses as we pass'd. Herricks Company came up in a large Sloop and I left Capt. Cargill with 100 Men on board the King George for further Orders. intending he Should land on the East Side Georges River at Night tea.

Found five Indians at the Fort Or: =dered them forthwith to call all their People if there were any of them in the

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woods thereabouts - For that if they did not come in they could not be safe any where but under the protection of the Guns of the Fort - This I did as before I came, by way of intimidating our People they had advised them not to go beyond the Pickets - and as Indians had been Seen lurking about Burtons and Henderson's garrison'd Houses. Two went off under pretence of calling the Rest in. One came in, One Zacharie a Nas:sanaquoda, who I afterward found had a French Commission for an Ensign. - Of the Rest I never heard any more.

10th Captains Drummond, Parker, Pennelin, of the Militia also Capt. Leisner of the Scout:ing Company Arrived & Young Lt. Howard from Capt. Litligow of Fort Halifax Gave them Orders about the Covering & protection of the Frontiers - Capt Cargill came up from the Ship to receive my orders. Gave him Orders to Land at Night on the East side Georges River with three Subaltems & 100 Men, to proceed to the Lower Carrying place, if he met any Indians to Order them into the Fort, to leave an Officers Guard there with Orders to let all Indians coming to the Fort pass

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unmolested and if they could without discov=
=ering themselves, But to Stop all going from
the Fort by Fair means if he cou'd if not
by any means by Force of Arms. To pro=
=ceed thence to the Middle Carrying Place
to leave there another Officers Guard with
the Same Orders and so the third - And
to come in himself to Georges with the re=
=mainder He Executed my Orders.

11th: And in the Morning fell upon Some
Fresh Tracks, He left his Men and went
to Trace them by himself Till he Traced
them to a Small Camp of Indians about
Ten as proved Afterwards but he thought
there were but Seven - He came back took
with him Lt. Trebles & 10 Men Ordering Four
on the Right Flank Four on the Left and
proceeded directly himself with the Others
with orders not to Fire When he came near
the Camp he discovered himself called to the
Indians to come in as he expres'd it good
Quarters - The Indians Started up cryed out
No Quarters No Quarters and Fired upon
him - He then Fired and Ordered his Men
to Fire away - The Indians Ran two fell one
Rose again and got off into the Swamp,

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the Other rose no more and proved to be an Old Squaw

11th: All this Morning as well as Yesterday fitting the Men out to March as I intend:ed they should go thro' the Woods as far as they could.

Ordered the Commissary to deliver out to each Captain Seven days provisions Allowing:ance for each Man - Some of the Men left at Falmouth arrived S. Mo. Exam:ined the Indians.

St: Georges Fort. 11th: May 1759. ~

Examination of Soran a Penobscot Indian left here as an Hostage: And of three other Indians that came into the Fort on Fri:day: Three of Treating before His Excellency the Governor, The Hon:ble Brig:r Waldo One of His Majesty's Council ~

Present . . . Brig:r Jedidiah Preble, Col:l. of the Troops.
Capt Benj:n Hallowell, Commander of the King George
Capt. Thomas Sanders, Comm:r of the Sloop Massachusetts
Capt. Israel Herrick
Capt. James Cargill
Capt. David Bean

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Capt. Alexander Nickels
The Revd. Mr. Phillips Chaplain
Lieut. Joseph Sanders
Lieut Joshua Treat
Lieut Walter McFarland } Sworn Interpreters
John North Captain of the Fort. Examiner

Lieut. McFarland & Lieut Treat Sworn to Interpretate truly and faithfully According to the best of their Skill and Ability.

The Governor, told the Indians that this was an Examination of the reasons & Pretences on which they came in here, and not any Conference or Treaty, had them Asked if they Understood it so. They all answered they did.

Laurent, being Asked what Tribe he was of Answered Penobscot. Joseph, being asked what Tribe he was of. Answered Penobscot & Machias — Joseph Maria was Asked what Tribe he (sic) was of answered Penobscot.

Governor; Asked what Powers they had to Confer and what proof they could give him of their being Sent by the whole People & of their Representing the whole People } They Invented many Excuses but Could Agree upon No one Answer and finally gave no Answer.

Zacharie was Asked what Tribe he was of } Answd. Passamaquoda

Zacharie was Asked if the Passamaquoda & St. John's Indians was one Nation } Ans.d: Yes.

Zacharie, what did You come in for } Ans.d: to have Peace and Trade

Zacharie was Asked, did You come in on my Letter to the Penobscots } Ans.d: Yes I thought it all one

Zacharie was Asked have You any power from the Tribe } Ans.d: Nothing but the Truth of his Heart & appeal to Heaven

Zacharie was Asked, where is the rest of the Tribe } Ans.d: at Penobs.cot Hunting—

Laurent, was Asked, what power have you } Ans.d. None

The Governors Letter then Read, Interpreted & Explained to them, and that they had no pretence to come in unless upon those Terms, that they had not Complied with any of the Terms.

That the Letter Offered them no Treaty, but protection only if they came in with their Wives and Families, and put themselves under His protection, And sent him by Message before they came in, Answers to the Several Questions in my Letter.

That they had brought him no Message in Answer to his Letter that as the Nation with their Wives and Families would not come in, That therefore he had Nothing to Say to them.

Then Asked, have not You often and of

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Old times Acknowledged Yourselves Our Brethren, & the Same as we, Subjects of King George.

Indians Answered, as Brethren but not Subjects of the King.

And when told that Brig.r Waldo, Col.o Preble, Capt. Sanders, now present, had been Witnesses to Several Treaties, especially Gov.r Dummers wherein they Acknowledged themselves Subjects of King George - They Answered their Old Men were dead and the Treaties buried and lost, and that they were Young Men and Know Nothing of it.

Then the Governor Explained to them how by breaking their Faith and the Conditions of their Treaties, they had forfeited their Lives, their Liberties & their Lands. Nevertheless if the whole Tribe with their Wives and Children had come in And put themselves under his Protection, he would protect their Lives.

The Governor then Said, You are in no Treaty with me now and None of Your People under my protection, but You four, and You I will Protect untill I put You Safe in Your own Country, being asked if they Understood this Answered all. We Under-

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=stand & thank You, they Said they had rather go by Land & take their Chance, for that they could Avoid the English the Governor told them that they could not be safe but with him, then they Acquies'd & desired that their Canoe Might be sent for - which the Governor Ordered Accordingly.

The Governor then told them they could not be Safe else, for that Some Indians who were at the Carrying place, and when called to by some of my People to come in, that they Should have good Quarters, they refused and Cried No Quarter and fired upon my People the Consequence of which was an Ind Squaw was Killed - That the first day I came, I told them to Call in all their people to Come under the Guns of the Fort for that Otherwise they could not be Safe, for that the Woods were full of my People - And upon hearing that Some Indians had been Seen on the River, and about Burtons Garrison and one at the Gut below Seasant Point, I Sent them a Second Message to Call in their People to which they Said if there were any Indians there, they were not their People, and if they did not come in they deserved to

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be filled; being asked if this was not true, they answered Yes.

Jedidiah Preble
Benjn: Hallowell Junr
Thos. Sanders
John Phillips
Joseph Sanders
John North -

York Ss Ste Georges May 12th 1759 -
Lieut. Walter McFarland Made Oath that he Interpretated to the best of his Skill & Judgment the foregoing Examination, Questions & Answers from the Governor to the Indians; and from the Indians to the Governor; Except: ring the seeing of an Indian at Burtons Garrison he don't remember about it perfectly.

Before me John North Just. Peace. -

12th Sent Capt. Cargill & 20 Men with Young Laurent to fetch his Canoe - Found a good deal of provisions hid by the Canoe in order for Stealing a March which Confirmed my Suspicion.

Arrived the Companies Saw them Equipped for Marching and Sent them to receive their provisions - Capt. Cargill returned - Got his Company ready to March tho' they had been

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out all Night and he himself twice to the farth=
=est Carrying place that day.

P. M. Marched off Brig^{t} Preble with

Capt. Herricks Company	71
Cargill	74
Beans	70
Nichols	69
	284
Kept for the Whale Boats	52
Sick at Georges	11
On board the King George	7
Bradbury	2
Preble's Lighter	3
at Falmouth	36
	395

Orders to Brig^{t} Preble's to March to the Mouth of Pausegasawackeag, a River that runs into Penobscot about Thirty Miles from Georges - Appointed one Robinson a Hunter as His Guide and gave him a Signall Viz^{t} three distinct Smoaks which I would Answer with a Gun - Upon which he was Sent up a fourth Smoak. -

Ordered Lt Small a good Surveyer to obtain the whole way and keep a Field Book. -

13th: Embarked in Sanders Sloop to go down to the Ship arrived at 10 Oblock Brought with me Laurent, Joseph, Joseph Maria & Zacharie -

Sent of St Sanders in the Sloop Massachusetts to Falmouth to convoy the Sloops with the Workmen and Materials - Taking out of them into the R George all the Im: =trenching Tools ~

Sailed for Penobscot took with me, the two Brick Sloops & Preble's Lighter with 40 hogsheads of Lime which I loaded at Georges -

Came to Anchor off the Green Islands in Penobscot Bay.

8h. So cold as ever I had felt it all Winter - Came to Sail & Arrived just be: =fore Sunsett off the Mouth of Pause: =quenaekeag River. ~

10h. 4 P. M. Preble Arrived made his Signall which I answered & he raised his fourth Pendt. Sent for him aboard - He re: =ported to me by the Survey they had Marched 30 Miles and 64 Rod

Told the Indians they might go to Night or Tomorrow which they chose. They chose Tomorrow

Ordered Preble to be ready to Em: =bark by Day light that I would send the Whaleboats for him in which Together with

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the Ship & Brick Sloops I cou'd carry his people across.

16th: At Day break Embarked according to Orders. Sent off Capt Bean who had been before in Penobscot River, with a Hundred Men to take Post on the East Side the River, to keep a good look out whether any thing Stir'd or pass'd —

While this was doing Sent for the Indians, & Spoke to them as follows,

At George's You were under my protec-tion, You cou'd not have gone Safe home had not I brought You here. You may now go Safe, — Take this Flag as a Passport to Penobscot and return to Your Town.

Gave them an Union Flagg. — Tell your People that I am come to build a Fort at Penobscot and will make the Land English — I am able to do it and I will do it — If they say I shall not, Let them come & defend their Land now in time of War. Take this Red Flag to remember what I say, when I have built my Fort and Set down at Penobscot, If ever there be an English man killed by Your Indians — You must all from that Hour

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fly from the Country, For I will Send a Number of Men on all Sides the River, Sweep it from one end to the other & Hunt Ye all out.

Gave them a Red Flag.

As to the People of Penobscot I seek not their favour nor fear them, for they can do me Neither Good nor Harm, I am Sorry for their Distress and wo'd do them good. Let them become English they and their Wives & Families & come and live under the protection of the Fort, & I will protect them, they shall have Wigwams & planting Ground near the Fort, They shall not interfere with One anothers Hunt when they Hunt Separate; And they may hunt together when they choose it. If they will live under the English Laws I will make Such of their Sungama's as they Shall Choose Justices, To do Justice - To Right what may be wrong & To Keep Peace among Your Selves - And when any thing happens Wrong between the English & Indians - An English Justice and an Indian Justice Shall meet and do right between them. You Shall have a Free Market for Your Furs & Skins, and the price shall be set

and may hunt as usual but the English shall hunt also;

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by Agreement ~

Take this White Flag & Remember this ~

Gave them a White Flag ~

Gave them Rum, Meat, Shot, Powder, Blank: =ets Shoes, Caps and a Gun, one of them wanting one, the rest had their own. & Sent them off in their Canoe, they made for the Carrying place which I afterwards found.

Saild, and about half past Four P.M. got within about two Miles or a League of Nasa: unskaag Point, And tho' the Breeze Stong enough to keep all the Sails Ipgallants & all Sleeping yet could not Stem the Torrent of the Tide, or the Contrary the Ship under no Command of the Helm, whirld about at random so that Capt Hallowell let go the Anchor. Made Several Attempts but could not make it do so Night, so came to Anchor.

The Sloop Patterson Master, with the Stores and Cannon Arrived in the River, but could not get up to us. Sent two Whale boats Arm'd to Guard her.

17th: & Fresh Breeze Sent off two Whale boats with 20 Men to Capt. Bean with Orders to cross over to the Western Shore and take Post on the opposite Point. After Several

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Puzzles got up into the Harbour within Nassaum:
:heag Point, Capt. Bean posted on the North point
of the Harbour, Sent Capt. Corgill to bring
him round, to look for the Carrying place,
to make a Signal when they had found it
And to take post there.

Landed on the Cove of the Neck just
where it makes a Right Angle with the
Bottom of the Harbour in the following
Order - As Soon as I Saw Capt: Corgill
& Bean advancing up the Beach to the Right
the Men being all embarked in whale boats
and a Lighter, which was towd in by the
Ship and Hoops Boats I advanced with the
whole in a Line abreast - Treble Command:
:ing the Left division, Myself in the Barge
the Right as Soon as we came near the
Shore upon a Signal which I had before
given Treble Re with His Division pushd up
to the Left & Landed on the Cove so as to form
a right Angle with the Shore where I Landed,
so that had any Indians from behind the Trees
Opposed either us or my landing the Other
Must have Flanked them. -

There was no Enemy, nor did I expect
any - But I could not have justified myself

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if any thing had happened if I did not take all the Same precaution as tho' there were.

We Landed and Reconnoitred the Wood, and took Post at the Point - And encamped the Men.

Came again on board - After Dinner Sent Preble to See the Carrying Place - He reported to me that it was not above 80 Pod across - Went again ashore - Ordered a Party to look out for Water

Sent Ashore all the Axes for clearing - For having thoroughly Reconnoitred this Point as I never Yet Saw so well Suited a Suite for a Fort, so I imagined I Should not find one more proper throughout this River - However made no Determination about fixing the Fort.

18th Day light, ashore, Clearing, Ordered them to Set about digging a Well - Sent off Lieut. Small to Survey the whole neck Capt. Nichols with the Picket to guard him -

Ordered a Breast Work or Barricado to be made round the Camp.

Had a Return of Water three Springs - Gave Orders for Clearing them & fixing Barrels

to them

P.M. Barricado almost Finished.

Orders to Brigt Frith to Send two Offi:cers & 40 Men early Next Morning with 20 Axes to clear the Carrying about a Rod wide from Side to Side, One Officer with 20 Men to Rear Guard, the Other with 20 to Work Spell and Spell To Compleat the Breast Work and have a Detachment of 150 three Weeks Officers included ready to Embark at a Minutes Warning in Whale Boats with three days provisions. —

Finish the Hospital -

19th Ashore at the Carrying place, Found it Cleared so as to see from Water to Water - Ordered Capt. Bean to Build a Log Redoubt according to Form I gave him with a Guard Room in it for an Officer and 25 Men - and when Compleated to come off leaving such Guard there.

Sent ashore from the King George four Swivel Cohorns to fix on the Breast Work at the Camp.

Went to the Camp found that the Well Diggers had come to good Water - Drank Punch made of it

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Reconnoitred the Springs & the point looking a proper Seite for the Fort in case I determined to fix on this point

At Night Lt Small returned from the Survey

20th Visited the Post at the Carrying Place Found Lt Scribe had finished the Redoubt and Guard House which Capt Bean began.

Return to the Camp, Ordered the like Avenue to be cut across the point where 'tis Narrowest not Above 70 Rod, to have the Same Kind of Redoubt & Guard House built there -

This Executed in Two hours Time.

As I found that the Carrying place was rather too far from the Camp at Night unless I cou'd also keep another Guard at this East Avenue, And as I had not Men enough for that, Ordered that this Guard Should always be relieved at the Carrying Place at Dusk of the Evening that both the Guard and Relief Should return to the Nearer Avenue on the point, and that the Guard Should be Posted there all Night That by Day break it Should advance by a Scouting March to the Redoubt on the

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Carrying Sail taking proper Caution - Thus as the Sailors phrase it making a Snugg Sail at Night & out Reefs in the Morning -

In the Afternoon Ordered a Road to be cut about two Rods Wide in a Direct Line to West to the Avenue on the Narrow of the Point.

This Executed before Night.

Capt. Nicols who had been on a party to get Wood to cover the Hospital &c. Returned.

Sloop that was Sent to get Sand Returned with a good Load.

Wind all day Blowing at N.N.W. hard Gale & Snow.

21st Ashore Clearing, Got a Nine pounder ashore to the Top of the Point - At an Eleva: =tion with the Breech on the Bed, threw a Shot across into the Woods on the Opposite Side, at a Level into the Channel about half way - at an elevation of twelve degrees what they calld the Cape Breton Point Bank, threw a shot close in Shore on the Opposite Side before it Struck

Lt. Sanders in the Sloop Massachusetts with four Sloops under his Convoy - with the workmen & Materials Arrived about 4 P.M.

Major Berry & 37 Men also Arrived from Falmouth.

The Hospital Finished.

Gave Sanders Orders to be ready to take on board the detachment for going up the River Tomorrow by day light also to see of the Sloops for the Same - Orders to Brigt Preble to have the Men ready according to former Orders Victualled for three Days -

Orders to Major Berry About the Comm: =mand of the Camp

To get the Beds into the Hospital - To Regulate the Guards & Scouts in my Absence - Adjure & Saw this done my Self -

22d: At four A. M. the Embarkation: be: =gan, but the Wind came to the North About, so could not proceed, at Noon the South Wind came up. Gave the Signal for Embarking - And Set out with the two Sloops & ten Whale boats with 134 Men, more being Unnecessary, as I found the Indians could Muster but 80 Men Arrived that Night within Six Miles of the Falls.

23d: Got over the first Ledge of Rocks at High Water before we knew it, and

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Struck on a Rock in the Sloop Massachusetts - as soon as I perceivd we were like to have a great Puzzle if ever we got her off I immediatly Ordered Seventy Men into the Whale boats and Landed Capt. Nichols with 40 Men on the left Shore, and Lt. Brown with 30 on the Right least if there Should be any Indians they Might fire upon the Sloop in her distress

The Water fell from the Sloop two feet, the Tide running down three knots; Captain Tallioufd Managed by towling her, to get her off the Rock. In less than an hour that very Rock was Above fathom out of Water and Several other Rocks bare all round us and the Ledge we had passed bare five feets above the River. The Tide Boiling round us and running five knots - Tryed to proceed in the Whale boats but without Effect.

P. M. Landed on the East Side of the River with 136 Men & proceeded to the head of the first Falls about four Miles & a half quarter past the first Ledge - Clear Land on the Left for near four Miles - Brigr. Waldo whose unremitted Zeal for the Service had prompted him at the Age of 63 to Attend me on this Expedition dropd down just Above the

Falls of an Apoplexy & Notwithstanding all the Assistance that could be given him expired in a few Moments.

At the Head of the Falls - Buried a Leaden Plate with the following Inscription, may 23d: 1759 Province Massachusetts Bay. Dominions of Great Britain - Possession confirmed by Journall Gor:

Erected a Flag Staff, Hoisted the Kings Colours and Saluted them.

24th: at High Water returnd, Got over the Ledge & having a Fair Wind & the Torrent of the Freshes in our favour, Arrived at the Camp by two P. M.

Upon Reconnoitring the River & find:=ing no place equal to this point of Was:=ausseag either for defence by its Site being no where Commanding, and on the Contrary having a very great Command of the River and the passes near it Deter:=mined this to be the place for the Fort - Erected the Flag Staff, & Hoisted the King Colours with all the Ceremonies Usual on Such Occasions, adding Divine Service to beg Gods Blessing, for unless the Lord Builds the House, the Labourer worketh but in vain.

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Treated the Troops with a Barrel of Rum, at Night Ordered all the Guards to be doubled, and the rounds to be more than Ordinarily alert.

25th: Ordered the Cellar & Foundation of the Fort to be Compleated.

Lt. Small to reconnoitre as far as Cape Rosier – Flagg getting up all his Timber for the first Story of the Block House.

At Evening – Buried Brigr. Waldo at the point near the flag Staff, with the Honours of War in our power.

26th: Saw the first Floor and Tier of Timber laid, the Cellar being finished.

Set out the lines for Parapet, Ditch & Glacis, Gave Mr. Burbeck, whom I had appointed Engineer and overseer, particular directions in what manner to compleat the Works, in each part, as the Ground lay, and Staked him it on each Spot.

About Noon left Wasaumsieag-point and went in the Sloop Massachusetts to Penttagoat with Capt. Cargil & 20 Men, Found the Old Abandon'd French Fort & Some Abandon'd Settlements – Went ashore

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into the Fort, Hoisted the Kings Colours there, & Drank the Kings Health - The Ship King George lying off the Harbour, Embarked in her & came away for Boston, the Wind fair, got down that Night, to Matinnic in the Mouth of the Bay

27th: Next day to Cape Ann -

28th: Next day about Sun Sett to Castle William.

Orders left with Brig: Preble - To whom as he desired it, and as his Services deserve it, I have given the Command of the Fort -

Penobscot. Nasaumkeag May 26th: 1759

To Brig: Genl. Preble

Sir

As the Business of the Government now calls me to Boston, I must leave the Care of the Works and Service at this place to You - You are so fully Apprized of the Service, that I need give here no particular Direc: =tions therein, I have Acquainted You of the point to be Aim'd at, and You Must Pursue, at Your own Discretion, the Same Measures that You have further followed under my di: =rection; as the Block house part of the Fort

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is now laid down on its first Floor, And as I have Set out the Lines for the Breast Work - Picketted Ditch & Glacis round it & have appointed Mr: William Burbeck Engineer & Over: =seer of the Same it remains with You to give Orders for the Compleating the Same Ac: =cording to my Design, or as Near thereto as the Nature of the Ground, upon Working, will Allow. When You consider, that the Establish: =ment for the Forces ends the last of Next Month, and that then You will have but the Garrison only of the Fort left with You; You will endeavour, the More, to get all Com: =pleated by that time; You will dismiss all the Vessels as fast as they are unloaded and done with, Specifying the day they were Dis: =missed. You will keep, out, every other, or every third day, but at no Stated time, a Scout, so as to Scar the Main Neck of Wasaumkeag, Having a special Eye to the Avenue at the Carrying place, And on the Night of those days, that no Scout is out, You will take Care to have an Ambush, so laid, on the Most Convenient Parts of the Point, so as to intercept any Attempts that may be made upon You in the Night,

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And as these Orders, Observed with the usual Guards & precautions, may prove Sufficient for the Safety of the whole, so I must very earn=
=estly recommend it to You, to keep a Strict Eye over individuals, that they, by their im=
=prudence & Negligence, running themselves into Needless & certain dangers, may not, by being Killed or Taken off, disgrace the Ser=
=vice. I know how Necessary this precaution is, as they will every day, as no Such Ac=
=cident has Yet happend, grow more and more careless, until Some disgraceful Accident does happen; You will hear from me again, before the time of the Establishment is out, and I will take proper care for the Conveyance of the Men back to Falmouth, those who belong to Georges, had best go thither in Whaleboats. I shall give directions for a Scout of a hundred Men, going home this the Country. There will be a hundred remain in Garison, so that there will not be much above a hundred To Send to Falmouth. I have Capt Saunders, to aid & Assist You all in his Power until You have got the Fort into a Posture of Defence. When the Service is over, You must Collect all the Entrenching Tools, except what may be Necessary

for the Actual Service of the Fort, & Send them to me as I shall Order, Keep Six Whale-boats with You. When the Fort is finished, I would wish You, with Your own Garrison, for the Safety & Comfortable living of Such, Pickett in the Piece of Ground between the Fort and the Head, by running a Line of Picketts from the Salient Angle of the S.W. Bastion, to the West side of the Cove, where the Spring is And another, from the Salient Angle of the N. E. Bastion, to the place where the Rocks, at the Head, begin to be inacces=sible. If any Indians Should come in with friendly designs, after I am gone, Tell them, that I Staid till the New Moon, & heard Nothing from them, but that if one or two of them will Stay with You & the rest return, You will Send me Word, & as Soon as You hear from me, Will send the One or Two that Stay, with Such Mes=sage as I Shall Send.

To Capt. Thomas Sanders Commander of the Province Ship Massachusetts

Sir

You are hereby Ordered, to Continue in Cobrill Harbour, So as to Aid & Succour &

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Defend, in the best Manner You are Able, the Troops Encampd on Nasaumkeag Point, & in Case of any Attack upon that, by the Enemy, You will haul Your Sloop, to such place where You can best Annoy the Enemy. You will in every Matter, Aid and Assist the Service all in Your Power, You will discharge the Several Sloops now in the Harbour, as fast as they are unloaded - Noting in their discharges, the day of their discharge, and You will Your=self come away, as Soon as Brig: Preble & Yourself Judge the Fort to be in a posture of Defence, if that Should not be, till the time that the Troops are to be dismissed, & Your=selves, You will, for the good of the Service, & the Saving to the Province, take on board as Many Men as You Conveniently can, & Set them down at Fal=mouth. If You want any further Guard, for the Defence of Your Sloop, while You lye in Colvill Harbour, You will Apply to Brig: Preble, who will let You have Such. ~

Endorsed Copy of Gov: Pownalls Journal to / Penobscot &c / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 24.

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Copy

Camp at Fort Edward, 9th June 1759.

Sir,

On Sunday last Capt. Abercromby delivered me Your Favor of the 30th Ultimo, at Half Moon on my road hither, for whence I should have Set out long before, if it had not been that I wanted to See the Provincial Troops Arrived at Albany, wherein I have not Succeeded, as by the Returns of the 30th May there were only 1038 of the Massachusets Forces, including Officers Arrived, and 1457 Expected; And of the whole of the Provincial Troops, including the Massachusets, no more than 3978 come and 2210 Expected to Join, Exclusive of Col: Whiting and Worcester's Regiments of Connecticut, the New hampshire Troops, and the Additional 1500 Massachusets and 1000 Connecticuts, besides the New Yorkers who are detached to the Mohawk River; - However, the Season advancing and being desirous to prepare every thing up here, against what is wanting of the said Troops do join me, I Set out and left Brig: Genl: Gage at Albany to forward Matters there and come up so soon as they are come in, which I am Willing to think will be shortly, as I am

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in hopes they are now recovered of the Measles, which I dare say has been the Chief Occasion of their Staying so long behind.

In Your Absence, I sent Capt: Abercromby to Boston, with a Letter to Lt: Gov: Hutchinson, desiring he would Sent Three Hundred of the New Levies to join Maj: Genl: Wolfe, and serve under him as Pioneers; The Dispatch and readiness with which the Lieut. Governor Com: =plyd with this request, merit my most Sincere thanks which I beg You will make him.

I come now, Sir, to Your Letter, for which I am much Obliged to You, and heartily Congratulate You on Your Return from Penobscot and on the Successfull Issue of the Business You went upon, which from the description You are so good as to give me of it, has been Executed with the greatest propriety. — The Spot You have chose to Set down the Fort on seems to be very judiciously Calculated to Command both the Branches of the River, and from the Disposition You have made, if they are properly observed and kept up I make no doubt but the Possession of that Country and the Fort upon it, will Produce all the good Effects in= =Tended by it, and the whole Bay of Fundy

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may be Navigated without any Risk of the Enemy or Indians.

I am of Opinion with You, that the Indians who came to meet You, only came with an Intention to amuse You, and as Spies, Your Caution and treatment of them accordingly was very right.

Major Ord has mentioned to me one Capt. Cobb, who last Year served in Col: Preble's Regiment, as a very Usefull Man, whom he should be glad to have with him. If that Gentleman is not Employed this Year and would Chuse to join the Army, Wish You would desire him to join him immediatly.

I am,

Sir.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excell.y Gov.r: Pownall.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from M. Genl: Amherst/ to Gov.r: Pownall /camp at Fort Edward June 9.th: 1759./ In Answer to the Gov.rs of the 30.th: May relative to the/ Fort at Penobscot & his Speech to those Indians:/ Ac:-quainting him at the same time with what/ part of the Massachusetts Troops were arriv.d/ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N.o 25.

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Albany 26th May 1759 ~

Sir

From the Troops of Your Colony having been kept up all the Winter and from the time I had limited for their being at the place of Rendezvous, I did not doubt but they would have been here Earlier, and have come quite Complete; In both which I find my= =self Mistaken Since the bulk of them are but come lately and that they are no less than 150 Deficient, which upon so Small a Number of One Thousand makes a great Object; I must there= =fore desire that You will lose no time in Com= =Pleating And forwarding them, as well as those that are left behind on the Recruiting Service, with the utmost dispatch.

I cannot at the Same Time Omit observing to You that the Measure of not paying Your Of= =ficers their Subsistance or pay till after the Cam= =paign, is Attended with great Inconveniences, as no doubt among them there may be Some that are not before hand in the World, and Conse= =quently not Able to Supply themselves with the Absolute Requisites for carrying on the Service, which must damp them greatly, I would there= =fore Recommend it to You to Move Your As= =sembly to Allow them some part of their

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Pay in Advance, which I am Confident is not only Absolutely Necessary but will be a great Encouragement toward their Exerting themselves to the utmost of their Abilities; I Trust therefore, that Your Assembly will not hesitate one Moment in Contributing so Essentially to the good of the Service, as well in this respect as with Regard to Compleating their Regiment.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst

The Hon.ble Gov.r Hopkins

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to Governor Hopkins/ Albany 26th. May 1759 ~/ representing that from the Troops of Rhode Island/ having been kept up all Winter the Genl. had/ Expected they would have been at the place of/ rendezvous much earlier & quite compleat;/ desires therefore that he would forthwith make/ up the deficiency of 150, & forward both the one and/ the other without delay- recommending also to/ him to move his Assembly, for part of the Officers Pay/ in advance, as without it they are put to great/ inconveniences which may prove detrimental/ to the Service./ in M.r Amherst's of June 19. 1759./ N.o 26.

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Copy

Norwalk 23d: April 1759.

Sir

I have been informed that Several of the Men who being Inhabitants of this Colony and Enlisted into the Regular Service last Winter have since deserted from the Corps they belonged to and that Some of them reflecting on their Conduct Report their having so done; But fearing the Consequence of Surrendring themselves continue in Such Desertion. Secreting themselves in Some retired Place, Yet as far as I can learn are willing to Join the Army if they might be Accepted & forgiven And as I have been Applied to in behalf of Some of them who as it is Represented to me are disposed to re= =turn to their duty on any Reasonable Assurances of pardon, I have Taken the Liberty to propose whither You might not think it proper to Issue a General pardon to Such as Shall Repair to the Regiment they belong to or to Such Other as You may Judge fit to direct to by a Certain Time, to be fixed for that purpose, I can't but hope such a Generous De= =claration at this time may have an Extensive Influence, which I Submitt to Your Sentiment Ask= =ing Excuse for this Trouble. only add that

I am &c.

Thos: Fitch -

General Amherst

Copy

Norwalk 24th: April 1759.

Sir,

Having been informed by Your Letter of the 6th: March that You had under Consideration such things as it would be necessary to furnish the Provincial Troops with at the Expence of the Crown as well as those they should come pro: =vided with at the Expence of the Provinces, which, when digested, would be a standing Rule for all the Provincial Troops in General, and would be Transmitted to me as such, I had Ex: =pectation of receiving it, but that not Coming I beg You will be so good as to favour me with Your Determination in regard to One particular, Viz: As the Arms are furnished for the Pro: =vincials by the King it is Expected, and will be necessary the Colonies provide and Send Armorers to take Care of and repair the Arms among the Provincials as there may be Occasion, or Whether, the Arms being provided by the Crown, the Expence of repairing them is not also to be on the same Account - As such Persons will be wanted, and if there be not a sufficiency of them in the Army to Repair the Arms in the hands of the Provincials, I shall Endeavour to take some Care in that

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matter so far as Concerns the Connecticut Troops, Otherwise I Suppose it will be needless for me to do it.

I am, &c.ª

Thoˢ: Fitch

Genral Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr: Fitch / to Ma. Genral Amherst / Datd: Norwalk April 24th: 1759. / desiring to know if it would be necessary for him / to send Armourers with the Connecticutt Troops / or whether, their Arms were to be re: =pair'd at / the Expence of the Crown. / in Ma. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / Nº. 28.

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New York 26th: April 1759.

Sir

Agreable to my Letter of the 6th March I did upon the 25th: of the same Month Acquaint You with what it was Expected the Provincial Troops should Come provided with at the Expence of the Colony, and what should be furnished to them by the Crown; But as in Yours of the 24th: Instant, this moment received, You make no mention of that Letter, which I imagined You had had long ago, I herewith transmit You a Duplicate of it for Your Guidance; And shall only Add thereto, that it is requisite You should Provide & Send Armourers with the Troops of Your Colony, to take Care of, & Repair their Arms, as there may be Occasion; The Expence of which must be borne by the Colony or its Men, as is usual with the Regular Forces, who always Pay for such Repairs at their own Cost, nay even are Obliged to make good such Arms as they lose, unless it can be proved that they were lost or rendered Useless in Actual Service, in which case they are replaced at the Expence of the Crown.

And now that I am upon the

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Article of Arms, I must once more repeat my most Earnest recommendations to You, to Observe what I mentioned relative to them in my Letter of the 16th: of February last.

At the same time that I had Your fore: :going Letter I likewise received that of the 23d: In Answer to which I have only to Enclose You the Copy of my Proclamation for a General Pardon, so long ago as the 12th: of January, which I Apprehend Answers every thing You desire to be informed of on that head, and I will Consider whether it may be necessary to Extend it beyond the first of March.

I am, &c.

Jeff: Amherst

P. S. As by Your Letter of the 30th: March, You had hopes that Your Levies would be soon Collected, and that You intended to Order them to March to the Place of Rendezvous as soon as possible, I do trust, altho You make no mention of it in either of Your Letters since, that You have Succeeded in Your Expectations, and fulfilled Your Intentions, that upon my Arrival at Albany, for which I set out in a day or two, I may meet with them there. —

Gov: Fitch

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Endorsed Copy-Letter from M. Genl. Amherst/ to Governor Fitch -/ Datd. New York April 26th: 1759./ In Answer to the Govrs of the 24th, and telling him/ that he should send Armourers along with the/ Connecticut Troops; the reasons for it; and/ re=commending it to him anew to Collect as many/ Arms as could be found in the Colony, to be sent/ along with his Men -/ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 29.

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Albany 9th May 1759.

Sir

Upon my Arrival here the 3d Instant I Expected, agreable to my Letter to You of the 26th April, to have found the Connecticut Troops at Albany, but as None of them are Yet Come, and that no Time must now be lost to Commence the Operations of the Campaign which I have greatly at heart, and for which the Season becomes every day more and more proper, I can no longer defer repeating to You my most Earnest Recommendations, if the Connecticut Forces are not already Embarked, and on their way hither, which I Trust they are, to Use all Your Endeavours and Authority immediately upon Receipt hereof to Cause them to be Embarked with all Speed and Dispatch to forward them hither, where, upon their Landing they will find an Officer Appointed by me to Muster and Pay them their Billeting and Passage Money, agreable to my Letter to You on that Subject.

I am

Sir

Jeff: Amherst.

Gov: Fitch

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Hartford 21st May 1759.

Sir,

In the beginning of this Month I sent Orders to the Commanding Officers of the Con:-necticut Regiments to March as soon, and with as much Dispatch as possible. They were moving, and with particular Diligence getting ready to Move before I received Your Letter of the 9th: on which I Endeavoured to Quicken & Hasten the March of those who had not then Set out, and altho it was Extream difficult, for all to be in readiness in the Short Time allowed for raising, providing for and furnishing them, yet I Conclude they are all Marched or about to March excepting some part of a few Companies, detained at present, by be:-ing Sick with the Measles who I hope will Soon follow.

Having taken the first Opportunity I had on meeting the Assembly in this place, to re:-commend to their Consideration the making provision for an Augmentation of their Troops, I have the Satisfaction to Acquaint You, that the Assembly has Voted to make provision, and given some additional Encouragement, to In:-duce One thousand Men including Officers to

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Enlist in addition to the Four thousand before Or:
:dered to be raised, which additional Thousand,
or such Number as can possibly be raised by
Inlistments are to be joined to the Regiments al:
:ready formed; But as the Colony before this
was much Drained of Men, I am not able
at present to determine what Success the
Military Officers (who are Appointed) will have in
Collecting the Men, but can't but hope a
Considerable Proportion, if not the whole Number
will be Engaged. And altho' the difficulty of
Raising those before Voted, and of making the
necessary provision for Serving Cloathing, Paying
& furnishing them in other respects, has been
Extreamly great and brought a heavy Burden
on the Colony, Yet the Assembly disposed to a Vig:
:orous Exertion of their Utmost Strength, has been
led to make this additional Attempt to promote
as much as possible the Kings Service, on the
Part of this Government, at this important Crisis;
And as I shall Endeavour to Send these New
Levies forward as soon as possible, I beg You
will be so good as to give the same Orders
respecting the Way of their Billeting & Passages,
as are already given in regard to the Others
before raised.

As this Government has made some provis=
=on for Supplying their Troops with Various
Articles for their necessary Use and Comfort,
and have sent a Commissary with Each Re=
=giment to Receive and deliver out those Stores,
and have provided and Sent into that Ser=
=vice a Number of Teams for Transporting and
Carrying them forward, which are to be for
that Use only, I beg You will be so good as
to give them proper Liberty and protection in
that Service, that they may not be liable to
be Molested, or taken out of it, or Compelled to
any Other. The Government has Come into this
method, in Case and for the Comfort and En=
=couragement of their Troops, and the Carters
have Undertaken in confidence of meeting with
protection in their Business, which they make
no doubt of receiving on Your being informed
of the Nature of their Business; On which Ac=
=count I have taken the Liberty to recommend
them to Your favourable Regard, and Am

Sir,

Yr &c.

Thos. Fitch

General Amherst

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Albany 26th May 1759–

Dr

Colonel Lyman has just now delivered me Your Letter of the 21st Instant, Acquainting me that, from the Orders You had given Agreable to my Letter of the 9th for Quickening & Hastening the March of the Connecticut Troops, You Conclude they are all Marched or about to March, except Some part of a few Companies detained by the Measles, who You hope will Soon follow, I am to return You my thanks for having given those Orders, and to hope with You that the Sick will Speedily recover, and that I Shall soon see both Sick and well here, where they are Greatly wanted, as they are partly the Occasion that I have not Yet got up the Country from which Nothing but the Arrival of the Provincial Troops has hitherto Stopped me, I trust therefore that You will Continue Your Care & Attention in Pressing them forward with the utmost dispatch.

I must likewise Express to You the great Satisfaction it gives me to learn, that the Assembly has Voted to make Provision and given Some additional Encouragement to induce one thousand Men including Officers to Enlist in Addition to the four Thousand before Ordered to be raised

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in which I hope & trust they will prove Successfull, not only in Point of the Number but also in re=
=guard to their Speedy Completement, which as I observed to You before is so essentially Necessary for Commencing the Intended Operations, wherefore, as they have very wisely proposed to incorporate these additional Levies into the Regiments already raised, I would further Recommend it to You, that So Soon as any Number of them are Enlisted You would immediately Embark them in Sloops & send them further where the Same provision & allow=
=ances Shall be made to them, that I have En=
=gaged to furnish to the Others, by this Means we may Save some time; and as from what Yo and the Assembly have now done upon this oc=
=casion, I am Confident You are both desirous of Exerting Yourselves to promote as much as pos=
=sible the Kings Service, I make no doubt You will pursue in it with Chearfulness & dispatch.

I cannot Neither but approve of the Pro=
=vision Your Government have made for Supplying their Troops with Various Articles for their Nece=
=sary use & Comfort, I was so Sensible of the Advantages that must result to Troops from such Provision that I Publish'd Some time Since a proclamation Offering all the Encouragement &

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protection I could think of to induce People to At=
=tend the Army with all Kinds of Refreshments
& Necessaries (Rum & Spirituous Liquors Excepted,
and I have the Pleasure to inform You that
Numbers have offred themselves Accordingly and
have obtained my Pass, which You may likewise
rely on, for all those that Shall come Recom=
=mended by You under the Restrictions Never=
=theless above mentioned, from which I cannot
depart, without exposing both Provincial & re=
=gular Troops to Numberless irregularities which
the Use of Spirituous Liquors always Occasion &
therefore cannot be too Strictly Avoided.

I am &c.

Jeff. Amherst

His Hon.ble Gov.r Fitch

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / to Gov=
=ernor Fitch / Albany May 26th 1759 / returning him the
Assembly thanks for the / Augmentation of 1000 Men voted
by them / and desiring the Gov.r to forward their March /
to the place of rendezvous with all dispatch / in M.S.
Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 32.

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Albany 9th: May 1759 ~

Dear Sir ~

As only Colo: Johnstone & one Sloop of Men of the New York Regiment are Yet come up, and that I am impatient to begin the Oper=ations of the Campaign, I must Most earn=estly repeat to You my recommendation that if the remainder of Your Men are not Embarked and on their way hither, which I Should hope they are, that You will use all Your Authority and endeavours to forward them up with the ut=most Speed, as no time must now be lost in Carrying His Majesty's Commands into Execution.

As an Army cannot be too well Supplyed with Refreshments of all kinds, I have to in=duce the People of the Provinces who may be inclined to bring Such to the Lake, drawn up the Enclosed Advertisement, which I must beg of You to get inserted in the New York Papers, as from the Encouragements Offered by it, I trust, many will be glad to Accept of the Conditions.

I am &c.ª

Jeff: Amherst

The Honble: Lt. Govr: Delancey ~

Copy

Camp at Fort Edward 8th June 1759.

Dear Sir,

Considerable Expences having necessarily been incurred for the preparations of the Campaign, and the Persons to whom the same are due being very loud and pressing for their payments, without which indeed they may not be well able to fulfill their Engagements, the Consequences of which are but too Obvious; I immediatly upon Mr Mortier's re=presenting to me that the Military Chest was quite Exhausted, directed him by Letter, to lay these matters before the Contractors Agents at New York, and to Signify to them the absolute necessity there was for their Exerting themselves to the Utmost in collecting as large a Supply of Money as they possibly could; and that they should forthwith inform him how much they had in Cash; What they were certain they could within a short time Collect; And whether they had any Visible Prospect of any, and what Supply shortly coming out from England ~ Mr Mortier accordingly Wrote to Mr Arthorp and Transmit=ted him a Copy of mine, in Answer to which, just received, I find, that the Contractors Agent has heard nothing further in relation to the Money he expected would before this time have

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arrived from England, and that it will not be in his power to Supply any Considerable Sum Soon, unless some Expedient be found to procure it; That he now has no Money by him, nor has any dependance upon Raising any great Matter, but from England; Wherefore, as he finds by my abovementioned Letter to Mr. Mortier, that large Demands are daily and pressingly made, he is reduced to the Necessity of laying his Situation before me, and of desiring that I would take such Measures as I may think best to procure the necessary Supplies of Money for the Service.

In this Situation that nothing may retard our Operations, nor the Success of His Majestys Arms, I am Compelled to have Recourse to You, and to request of You to move Your Council and Assembly for a Loan of £150,000 New York Currency in Bills of the Province, redeemable in Twelve Months after their date, by the Moneys arising from the Bills of Exchange which I shall Direct Mr. Mortier, the Dep: Paym[r]: Gen[l]: to draw upon the Lords Com: =missioners of His Majestys Treasury for the like Sum, whom I shall advise thereof, as well as of the necessity of the Measure, which I make no doubt will appear such to them, and that of Course they will Order the payment of Mr. Mortier's

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Bills, particularly as by One of the Articles of his Instructions he is Authorized, (in Case the Contractors Agents cannot furnish him with the Supplies necessary for Carrying on the Service) with the Consent and Approbation of the Commander in Chief for the Time being, to draw upon the Treasury.

The distress We are in, as You may perceive by what I have already Observed, and the incapacity of the Contractor's Agents to remove the same, sufficiently Convinces and Warrants the necessity I am under of having recourse to this method; And as the greatest part of this Money is due to the People of the Province of New York, which must greatly benefit by so large a Circulation, and that the Province can run no manner of Risque in granting this Loan, since they cannot have a better Security than that Offered, I am hopefull they will not hesitate in Complying with my Request, but on the Contrary that they will readily & Chearfully give this new Proof of their Loyalty and Zeal for the Common Cause, which I shall not fail of representing to His Majesty's Ministers, that they may be honoured with their Royal Sovereign's

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gracious Approbation of their Conduct.

Before I quit this Letter, I must likewise Observe to You, that I have this day received One from Capt: Loring, whom I had Sent to New York to procure some Carpenters & Ship Wrights, which he despairs of getting thro the Excessive Exhor:=bitant Wages they Insist upon; As they are greatly wanted to Carry on the Service, and more par:=ticularly a Service recommended to You by Mr: Pitt in the strongest manner, I must also beg that You will lend him all the Assistance You can, in procuring the Number he may want, at as reasonable a Rate as possible, in which You will greatly Oblige me; In Expectation of Yo: Speedy Answer, for which I am very impatient, I am, &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

The Honble Lt Gov: DeLancey

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl: Amherst / to Lt Gov: DeLancey / Dat: Camp at Fort Edward June 8th 1759 / giving an Acct: of the deficiency of the Military Chest, / the necessity of replenish:=ing it, and desiring that he / would move his Council and Assembly for a Loan of / £150,000- requiring also his Assistance to Capt: / Loring in procuring a number of Carpenters. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No- 35.

Copy

New York 5th June 1759.

Sir

In a Letter I received Yesterday from Admiral Saunders Dated the 2d: of May is the following Paragraph.

Being informed that two Ships of War, of the Line, are bound to New York, to convoy Troops from the West Indies, thither; I am to desire the favor of You to deliver the Inclosed letter to the Captain of the first of them that Shall arrive.

In consequence of which I have given Orders to the Pilots to look out for these Ships and have Sent by them four letters of the Same tenor, any of which to be delivered to the first Captain that Shall Arrive off the Hook to ac=: =quaint Admiral Saunders.

I have not heard whither Your Excellency expects any Troops from the West India Islands, if You do, You will be pleased to inform me and give directions how they are to be disposed of. what fresh Provisions they are to be Sup=: =plied with. (which will be Necessary after their Voyage and what is to be done with the Sick, for Sickness must be expected & perhaps of a Contagious Nature, coming from so Warm a Climate. health and Success. I am &c

James De Lancey

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Endorsed Copy / Letter from Lt: Gov: De Lancey / To Gen:
eral Amherst / New York 5th June 1759 / That he had
receiv'd Intelligence from Admt: / Saunders, that two
Ships of War, of the Line, were / bound to New York;
to convoy Troops from the West / Indies. - Ask's the
Gen.t, what he would have / done with those Troops
upon their arrival. / in M. G. Amherst's of June
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Head Quarters at Fort Edward, June 11th 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Have this moment the favor of Your Letter of the 5th Instant, and as I hear from Philadelphia some Ships have been seen which they suppose are Come from the West Indies, I think it not unlikely that You may See them at New York before this can reach You - The Part of the Troops I Expect may Join the Army here, is very small, the Men Sent out to Compleat the two Battalions of the Royal Highland Regiment. - This I think very Likely, but I have no Certainty that they are Or=dered to do it.

I Know it is intended that the Regiments Serving under Major General Wolfe should be Com=pleated from the Martinique Army, and it is probable that some of those Troops may likewise be destined to Compleat the Corps here, but what=ever Orders are given on that head have been transmitted to the Offier Commanding those Troops, and have not been received as Yet here.

I Shall be much Obliged to You, in case any of the above Troops should arrive off New York, that those which are Allotted for the Army up the River St. Laurence, may by Your good Offices be sent there without a moments loss of time,

as Mr. Wolfe can't have them too soon; And that such as may be intended to join the Army this Way, be Sent in Sloops from New York to Hd=-bany, as fast as possible, where Lieut: Coventry, the D. Q. Mr. General, or Officer Commanding at Albany, shall have Orders about them: Fresh Meat will most surely be of Service to the Men, but both Mr. Wolfe and I want the Men, and can't Wait for killing of Bullocks; Spruce Beer and Vegetables that grow in every Wood, and Exercise will recover them. —

All very well here, that are here — Col: Lasher and Regiment came up last Night; I hope the Whole will soon be together, and then I may have some=-thing New to Send You, for Fort Edward furnishes Nothing. I am, with the greatest truth and Esteem,

&c

Jeff. Amherst.

Honble Lt: Govr: De Lancey

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl: Amherst / to Lt: Govr: De Lancey / Dat^d: Head Quarters Fort Edward June 11th 1759. / In Answer to the Lieut: Gov^rs / of the 5th; That, if any Troops from the West Indies do arrive at New / York, he be so good as to forward those destined / for the Army under his Command immediately / to Albany, and those for M. G. Wolfe without a / moments loss of time, to the River St. Laurence / in M. G. Amherst's / of June 19. 1759. No. 37.

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New York 14th June 1759

Dear Sir

I had just now the favor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 6th & 8th Instant, the Latter I Shall Lay before the Council, which I have Ordered to be Summoned immediately for this purpose and Shall apprise You by the first Opportunity of the Steps I shall take to procure Money —

Nothing more of the Ships that were Supposed to be Seen above a Week ago, and have been Seen, by a thousand reports, Several times Since from Long Island: If they do not come in this day, I Shall look upon the whole as a fable.

I am &c

James De Lancey.

His Excellency General Amherst

Endorsed Copy/Letter from Lt. Govr De Lancey/ to Major General Amherst/New York 14th June 1759/That he has order'd the Council to be Summoned/will lay the Govrs Letter about the Loan/before them. —That the Ships he mention'd/from the West Indies were not yet come in/that if they did not arrive that day, he/should no longer give Credit to the report/that had been spread about them./in N. Y. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 38.

Copy

Greenwich 29th April 1759.

Sir,

I Had got thus far in my way to Ha:
=bany when I last Night received Your Letter
of the 27th Instant, Acquainting me that Your
Provincial Regiment fills but slowly, which I
am Sorry to hear, as from what Colonel
Schuyler told me when I Saw him last, I
had Expected it would have been Compleated
this last Week; However I trust, from all the
possible means You are using to raise Men,
and from the General Muster You ordered
last week of the whole Militia of the Province,
You will prove more Successfull, and be able
to Compleat the Regt: in a very short time,
as they become daily more and more wanted,
since the Massachusets Forces are already in
motion, and that the New York Troops are
Assembling, and will Embark in a very few days.

With regard to Sloops I should have ima:
=gined You might have got a Sufficient Number
in the Jerseys, & must recommend it to You to
procure as many there as Possible, for the Trans:
=portation of Your Provincial Regiment; But if
You should want any more for that purpose
than what You can meet with in the Jerseys,

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upon Applying to Serj.t Airey, the Assistant to the Dep: Quarter M.r General at New York he will Supply You with the Deficiency, for which Orders goes to him this day; In the Demand You shall make for them, You will please to Observe that the Albany Sloops bring more Roomy than those of the Jerseys, these first are to Carry no less than One Hundred Men, which will Serve You to make Your Calcula:-tions Accordingly.

I Approve much of Your Provincial Arms, & should have been glad to have had them, but as those which were Expected from Eng:-land are now Arrived, it Enables me to make a Saving of their Cost to the Public, yet as I am persuaded from their lightness and goodness that Your men should prefer them to any other, I think You cannot better Employ them than upon this Occasion, as an En:-couragement for which, I repeat to You my former Promise that such of them as may be lost or rendered unserviceable in Actual Service shall be Paid for by the Corps at the Rate they Cost.

In Your Application to Serj.t Airey for Sloops You will give him Notice if You would have them Victualled; As I leave

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it entirely at Your Option either to have them Victualled by the Crown, or for Your Men to Receive Four pence Sterling p.r Day in lieu of Provisions till their Arrival at Albany.

I am,

Sir

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excell.y Gov.r Bernard.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Gen.l Amherst/ to Gov.r Bernard./ Dat.d Greenwich April 29.th 1759./ Sorry to hear the Jersey Reg.t fills so slowly;/ hopes, from the measures the Gov.r says to have/ taken, that he will prove more Successful/ directs him where to apply for Sloops for them &/ desires he will hasten their Embarkation.-/ declines purchasing the Arms of that Province,/ as a Sufficiency are come out from Eng:-land;/ but recommend their being given for the Use/ of his Reg.t, upon Condition of Paying for such/ as shall be lost in actual Service./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N.o 39.

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Philadelphia April 17th 1759.

Sir,

In Consequence of Your Letter of the 11th Inst. I have passed the Supply Bill, tho contrary to my Instructions. Another Bill has also received my Assent for Encouraging the Indian Trade, and Encreasing it's Fund.

The Assembly of the Lower Counties is Summoned to Meet as soon as possible, and their known Duty and Loyalty will dominate them to raise Supplies to the Utmost of their power.

I Have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your

Most Obedient

and

Most Humble Servant

William Denny.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr Denny / to Ma. General Amherst. / Dated Philadelphia April 17th 1759. / That he had passed the Supply bill, tho contrary / to his Instructions; and had given his Assent / to another for the Encouragement of the Indian / Trade; And, that the Assembly of the Lower / Counties was summoned to meet. / in No. 4. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / No 43.

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Philadelphia 10th May 1759.

Sir,

I Am just returned from the lower Coun=
=ties and the Post scarce permits me to Acquaint
You of what is done by the Assembly for the
King's Service. Notwithstanding all the Argu=
=ments I Used, they pleaded Poverty, and
said they could not possibly raise the same
Number of Men they did last Year, which
were Three Hundred. However I prevailed on
them to grant Seven Thousand Pounds for
the Service of the Current Year, which will
raise & pay One hundred & Eighty Men, for
this Campaign. They absolutly refused to Grant
this Supply unless I recommitted Twenty Thousand
Pounds of paper Currency for Sixteen Years, the
Interest of which, Twelve Hundred Pounds a
Year, Supports the Charges of their Government.
This I was Obliged to Comply with this con=
=trary to my Instructions, in consequence of
the following Letter from Brig: Genl: Stanwix.
You See the risque I have run for his Majesty's
Service, & You will please to represent my Con=
=duct to the King's Ministers. I have the Honor To
be Sir, &c.

To General Amherst. William Denny

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Copy of Letter from Brig.r Genl. Stanwix to Govr. Denny

Philadelphia 29th. April 1759.

Sir,

I Am well informed You will meet with difficulties in passing the Supply Bill of the Lower Counties. If it should prove so, and You find Yourself Embarassed by the Proprietary Instructions, be pleased to Write them in this most Critical Juncture, in case such a Measure is necessary for His Majesty's Service. I Shall take the first Opportunity of laying Your Conduct before the Commander in Chief, who will justify it to the Kings Ministers. I am,

Sir &c.

John Stanwix.

Govr. Denny —

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Denny / to M. General Amherst / Dated Philadelphia May 10th. 1759. / That the Supplies voted by the Lower Counties would / not raise so many Men as the last Year by 120 / that even before they voted this Supply, they had / compelled him to waive his proprietary Instructions / which at the desire of Brig.r Stanwix & for the good / of the Service he had done, & therefore desired the / Gov.r would Justify him to the Kings Ministers / for so doing. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 45.

Copy/

Albany 17th May 1759 –

Sir

I am this moment favor'd with Yours of the 10th by which, I am Sorry to find the Assembly of the Lower Counties, have not Voted the same Number of Men for the Service this Campaign that they did for the last, and that You have only been able to prevail on them to grant Seven Thousand Pounds for the Service of the Current Year, which will raise & pay no more than 180 Men for this Campaign, 120 less than they voted for the last: And what is still worse that they Absolutely refused to grant this Supply unless You remitted Twenty Thousand Pounds of Paper Currency for Sixteen Years, the Interest of which, (£1200 a Year,) Supports the Charges of their Govern: =ment, Which You was Obliged to Comply with tho' contrary to Your Instructions, in Consequence of a Letter from Brig: General Stanwix, Copy whereof Accompanies Yours. I am Sorry, I Say to See, that the Lower Counties, from whose past behavior You had flatter'd Yourself of their ut: =most Exertion upon this Occasion, have not An: =swer'd those Expectations; And that they should have Obliged You to depart from Your Instruc: =tions, in which however Since You could not

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succeed any Otherwise. You did very Right, as it was equally Necessary, under those Circumstances, to waive them with regard to the Lower Counties as with regard to the Provinces of Pensylvania and I Shall Accordingly Inform the Kings Min=isters with the Absolute Necessity You were under, for the good of the Service, to Comply with Brig.r Gen.l Stanwix's Letter as I have already Acquainted them, with what, at my request, You had done in regard to Pensylvania, and I doubt not but Your Conduct will be Approved of

I am &c.a

Jeff Amherst -

The Hon.ble Gov.r Denny -

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Gen.l Amherst/ to Governor Denny/ Albany 17.th May 1759 -/ In Answer to the Gov.r of the 10.th Acquainting him that/ the Assembly of the lower Counties had re=fused voting/ any Supplies unless he waived his proprietary/ In=structions, which at the request of Brig.r Stanwix/ he had complyd with, but that even then, the Supplies/ they had voted were so far short that they would/ not be able to raise by 180. so many Men as they/ had the preceding year; the Gen.l disapproves/ the conduct of the Assembly, commends the Gov.r for/ having upon such an Emergency waived his proprietary/ Instructions, & that he sho.d accordingly represent the/ necessity of it to the Kings Ministers./ in M.r G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N.o 46.

Copy

Philadelphia, 30th. May 1759.

Sir,

I Had the favour of Yours of the 17th: Instant, and am glad You Approve of my Conduct in pass:=ing the Supply Bill of the Lower Counties.

Inclosed is the Return of the New Series of this Province, and the Return of the Series in the Lower Counties is not Yet come to hand, but I am told they are Compleat.

The Express is just going off, and the time only Permits me to Add

I am,

Sir

William Denny

His Excell^{y}: Genl: Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr: Denny/ to M. General Amherst/ Dat^{d}: Philadelphia May 30th 1759./ Accompanying a return of the new Series of the/ Pro:=vince of Pensilvania./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N^{o}: 47.

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A Return of the additional Companies now raising by the Province of Pensylvania for the Ensuing Campaign. ~

Companies	Officers					Effective Rank & file	Total including Officers and Rank & file ~	Wanting to Compleat to the Establishment		
	Commissiond			Non Comd						
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Drummers			Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & file
Capt: Samuel Jones	1	1	1	2	1	50	56	. .	. .	. .
John Hallet	1	1	1	2	1	46	52	. .	. .	4
John Singleton	1	1	1	2	1	50	56	. .	. .	. .
Joseph Richardson	1	1	1	2	1	49	55	. .	. .	1
Samuel Nelson	1	1	1	2	1	46	52	. .	. .	4
William Clapham	1	1	1	2	1	48	54	. .	. .	2
Robert Boyd	1	1	1	2	1	28	34	. .	. .	22
Robert Curry	1	1	1	2	1	27	33	. .	. .	23
John Bull	1	1	1	2	1	25	31	. .	. .	25
William Johnston	1	1	1	2	1	40	46	. .	. .	10
Richard Gardiner	1	1	1	2	1	40	46	. .	. .	10
Samuel Grubb	1	1	1	2	1	37	43	. .	. .	13
Andrew McDowell	1	1	1	2	1	41	47	. .	. .	9
David Hunter	1	1	1	2	1	41	47	. .	. .	9
John Mather	1	1	1	2	1	20	26	. .	. .	30
John Clark	1	1	1	2	1	27	33	. .	. .	23

Carried over

Brought over.

Samuel Postlethwait	1	1	1	2	1	20	26	- -	- -	30
	17	17	17	34	17	615	717	- -	- -	215

Joseph Shippen
Brigade Major

NB. The Returns of the Seven other Companies are not yet received.

Philadelphia 30th May 1759

Endorsed Copy / Return of the additional / Companies Raising by the / Province of Pensylvania / Inclosed in Gov: Dennys of 30th May 1759. / in N. Y. Intercourse of June 19. 1759 / No 25.

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Annapolis the 18th of April 1759 ~

Sir

I now do my self the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter dated the 16th of February, & to inform Your Excellency that immediately on my return from Philadelphia I met the Gen: eral Assembly of this Province & laid it be: :fore them together with that which You were Pleased to forward to me from the Secretary of State dated the 9th of december, a few Days afterwards I was favored with Your Letter of the 28th Ultimo & another from Mr: Secretary Pitt dated the 2:d of January last, which I likewise sent to the House of Assembly to: :gether with a Message of which I take the Liberty to inclose a Copy; but I am sorry to inform your Excellency that they were not to be induced by any thing which I could say or do, to pursue different Measures from those that they adhered to last Year, which the Gentlemen who compose our upper house of Assembly think unjust and unconstitutional & therefore will never agree to. As I presume Your Excellency would not wish to be troubled with a particular Account or detail of the objections that have been made by our upper

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House of Assembly to the Supply Bill which having been now offered them five times in less than Eighteen Months has been by them as often rejected, I Shall not detain Your Ex: :cellency longer than to inform You that as Soon as I perceived the People of this Province or at least a Majority of their Representatives would not be prevaild on to raise any Money for the Kings Use unless upon Such Conditions as it was evident would not be granted, I thought it my Duty to Advise the Secretary of State how Matters were Circumstanced, & to transmit a particular Account of what had passed between the two houses of As: =sembly in hopes that Some Measures would have been taken before this time to put an end to the Dispute.

His Majesty's Ministers however having not as Yet interfered so far, & the Secretary of State having in his last Letters only blamed both Houses for their Failure last Year, neither of them think their own Conduct is hereby censured, & therefore the Lower House by way of Justifying their former Proceedings take just the same Steps that they did last Year and the Gentlemen of the Upper continue

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Still to reject a Bill which in their Opinion is calculated to introduce Strange Innovations, and which they think it inconsistent with good Policy & Common Justice to give their Assent to ~ This being the Case I can do no more than make the same Representation to the Secretary of State that I did last Summer, & hope that His Majesty's Service will not Suffer or be retarded for want of the Supplies or Troops which it was the Duty of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province to furnish -

Your Excellency will I hope do me the Justice to think that it would have afforded me the greatest Pleasure to have had it in my Power to give a very different Answer to Your two Letters from what I have now wrote, and that no Endeavours of Mine have been wanting to induce our People to Act a better Part, and You will also I perswade myself believe that with the most Ardent Wishes for Your Success in the ensuing Campaign & with the utmost respect.

I am &c

Hon: Sharpe -

His Excellency General Amherst

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Copy Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

I Herewith Send You Copies of several Let:
:ters which I have received since the Opening of
the Session from One of His Majesty's principal Secre:
:taries of State; from His Excellency General Amherst
& from Brig.r Starwix; by One of which You will be
informed that immediately upon receiving an Ac:
:count of the Success of His Majesty's Arms on the
River Ohio, His Majesty was pleased to Direct the
Commander in Chief of all His Forces in North
America, and the Offier Commanding his Troops
in this Part of it to lose no time in Concert:
:ing the most proper & speedy means for Compleatly
restoring if possible, the Ruined Fort du Quesne
to a Defensible & respectable State, or for Erecting
another in the Room of it of Sufficient Strength
and every way adequate to the great importance
of the several Objects of maintaining His Majesty's
Subjects in the undisputed possession of the Ohio;
Of Effectually Cutting off all Trade and Com:
:munication this way between Canada and the
Western and Southern Indians; Of Protecting
these Colonies from the Incursions to which they
have been Exposed since the French Built
the above mentioned Fort and thereby made

themselves Masters of the Navigation of the Ohio;
and of fixing again the Several Indian Nations
in their Alliance with and Dependance upon
His Majesty's Government; Such being the In:
=structions that the King out of his Tender and
Paternal Care for the Safety & Welfare of these
Colonies, hath been pleased to Send the Officer
that is appointed to the Command of his Forces
in this part of the Continent. He hath the greatest
reason to Expect that as His Subjects the Inhabi:
=tants of Maryland and the Two Neighbouring
Provinces are particularly and nearly Interested in
the Speedy Execution of this great & Salutary Work
they will be particularly Alert and ready To
give such Officer all the Assistance in their power,
and it will, as the Secretary of State Observes,
be matter of no small Surprise and must re:
=flect the greatest Blame on Your Conduct, should
You in any point fail to Assist to the Utmost
the Kings Officers who shall be Employed on this
Occasion. That this however will not be the
case I entertain the most Sanguine hopes, for
I Cannot think You would Wish to lose the Fruits
of the late Successful Expedition to the Westward,
to See the French again in possession of the Ohio
Country, and Our Frontier Inhabitants Exposed

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to the dreadfull Incursions of their Indian Ha-
-lies. If You have any regard for Your own Safety,
or the Safety and welfare of Your Posterity.
If You have any regard for the reputation of the
Province; or can be Animated by the laudable
Example of all Your Fellow Subjects in the
Neighbouring Colonies; If if You have the least
Sense of Gratitude to the best of Kings and
Your Mother Country, for the powerfull Succours
that have been sent hither, and supported
at a vast Expence for our protection, You
will I hope at this time, give a Convincing
proof thereof by Your Actions, by pursuing dif-
-ferent measures from those which You have
for a long time unhappily adhered to, Not-
-withstanding You must have been convinced
they would never meet with the Concurrence
of another Branch of the Legislature.

But, Gentlemen, if after all You shall
upon mature Deliberation, Resolve that You will
on no Account whatever Adopt any of the
Various Methods by which Supplies have been
heretofore raised in this Province, nor propose
or Agree to any Supply Bill unless it be Exactly
on the Same Plan with those, or rather with
that which the Gentlemen of the Upper house

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have four Times refused to pass, for many Reasons that have been signifid to You; I have only to desire that You will Oblige me so far as to Communicate to me without delay such Your Resolve, for this reason among others that Genral Amherst and Brig.r Starnise may be immediatly advised thereof, and take their Measures accordingly.

Hon.r Sharpe

The 10.th of April 1759.

Endorsed Copy of a Message from Governor Sharpe to the Assembly of Maryland dat 9.th April 1759/ Enclosed in the Govr Letter to Genl Amherst of the 18.th / in No. 4. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 51.

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New York 27th: April 1759 ~

Sir

From Mr: Secretary Pitts Letter to You of the 9th December last, which I find, by Yours of the 18th: Instant, received last Night, You had fain before Your Assembly, I must own I had Expected, they would have Acted quite a different part than what You Mention they have done, notwithstandingwhich, I am perswaded no endeavours of Yours have been wanting to induce them to Act a better; and Since they Still continue obstinate in refusing to grant any Supplies for the raising of the Troops which it is their duty to furnish, I Shall not fail of representing the Same to His Majesty's Ministers; that whatever Compensation may hereafter be granted by Parliament for the Extraordinary Expences that Might be incurred by the Several Colonies on this Present Occasion, and which Mr: Secretary Pitt had his Majesty's permission to make them hope for, their Share in the Same, may be Proportioned to their Obedience to the Kings Commands.

I am &c.

His Excellency Govr: Sharpe ~

Jeff: Amherst

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Williamsburg April 8th 1759.

Sir,

I Received Your favor of the 22d: of last Month on the 6th Instant, I am truly Sen=sible of the honour You do me in that Letter, but as Your time is precious, and the Welfare of the Colonies depends upon it, I shall not think of taking up any part of it, by be=ing the Occasion of Your taking the fatigue of a Journey. If at the end of the Campaign You should think it Expedient for the Govrs: to meet You, in Order to Adjust any matters of Treaty with the Indians, or Operations for an Ensuing Campaign, I shall with pleasure Em=brace any Opportunity of Cooperating, with You for the Service of His Majesty and the Benefit of his Dominions on this Continent; The Sooner Your Instructions are then made known the better, that the Congress may be over before the time of preparing the Forces for the Field, if there should be Occasion.

This Colony have given One Regt: of 1000 Private Men, which I shall Endeavor to Keep always Complete if possible, during the Campaign; they will be all well and New Cloathed in every particular, and they will be Supplied

with Arms in the best manner We are able to Arm them, as the Colony is drained of Arms, Which We hope for Your Interest to have re: =placed according to Mr. Secretary Pitt's promise.

I Have not yet received Brigr. Genl. Stanwix's Letter, but shall Endeavour to Assist him in all his Operations to the best of my power: Coll. Byrd I have not Seen, but hear he is gone to Pittsburgh; With the most Ardent Wishes for Your prosperity, both in Your public & private Capacity; I am, &ca.

Fran: Fauquier

Major Genl. Amherst.

P. S. April 10th.

I Have this moment received a Letter from Brigr. General Stanwix with Your Lir = =cular Letter enclosed; I shall take every Opportunity of Complying with Your request in Corresponding and Cooperating with that Gentleman in all things which tend to His Majestys Service, and I should be Obliged to You to recommend it to him to be frequent in his Correspondence, as I find such free Communications greatly tend to Dispose the Minds of People to forward

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the Service. I can with pleasure tell You the House of Burgesses have this day brought in a Bill to Add Two Companies of 100 Men Each to be added to the Regt as Artificers.

J: J

Endorsed Copy Letter from / Govr: Fauquier to / M. Genl. Amherst / Datd: Wmsburgh Datd April 8th / 10th / 1759. / That the Assembly of Virginia have / given me / Regiment of 1000. private Men. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / No. 53.

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New York 22d: April 1759.

Sir

Notwithstanding my Apprehensions that the Affairs to the Northward would not permit me to go to Philadelphia, upon finding that they went on Smooth, and that it was Essentially Necessary I should be present to Settle those to the South, I Seized the very first few Days that offerd, to Repair thither, and was so lucky as to be detained there no longer than a Couple of Days; At my return I was favored with Yours of the 3d: Instant, a Copy of which I Sent to Brig: General Stanwix, that he might Answer the same, and renew my most Pressing Instances for an Augmenta=tion of Your Numbers, which I fully shewed You the Necessity of, by my Letter of the 30th: March, not received by You on the 10th: of this Month; the last date of Yours to me, by the return of my Express, who came in Yes=terday; whereby I am Sorry to find, that all the Augmentation the House of Burgesses have made, is only two Companies of 100 Men Each, to be added to the Regiment as Of=ficers, which tho cannot but Commend, as, if they are properly Chosen, they must

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be of great Service, Yet, I must say, this Still falls very short of my Expectations, founded on the Kings Enjunctions & the Exi=
=gences of the Service; wherefore I Still trust that when my Letter will have been laid be=
=fore the House, the Burgesses will have been Convinced of the real Necessity of their Compliance with my Demand and that they will have Acted Accordingly, all which I Soon hope to be informed of thro Brig=
Stanwix, to whom I Shall write in Con=
=sequence, and desire him to Correspond with You, as frequently as there may be Occa=
=sion for, and I Shall likewise Recommend to him, to furnish You with what Number of Arms he Shall Judge Necessary to Com=
=plete Your Troops, which You will be pleased to Acquaint him with and to Ap=
=ply to him for.

As it is more than probable that at the Close of the Campaign, the Service will require me to Call a Meeting of the Governors, & that You are so Kind to Offer to Assist at it, You may depend upon my doing my utmost to have it Take place at Such a Time as may not interfere with Your business of the Colony, of which

I Shall give You timely notice hereafter.

I am glad to hear Colonel Byrd is gone to Pittsburgh; and with my most Sincere thanks for Your kind and Ardent wishes for my prosperity,

I am &c.a

Jeff: Amherst

The Hon.ble Governor Fauquier

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from M. Gen.l Amherst/ to Gov.r Fauquier/ New York 22.d April 1759./ Press-ing him again to move his Assembly for an/ Augmentation of the Virginia Troops./ in N.Y. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 54.

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Copy

Harry 1st June 1759.

Sir

Agreable to my promise of the 19th Febr: I transmitted a very few days thereafter, to Mr. Secretary Pitt, a Copy of Your Letter of the 10th Dec: in relation to the Assistance You desire to Receive from me to Enable You to keep up the Troops of Rangers raised for the defence and protection of the Colony of Georgia, without which You would be Compelled to disband them, a Measure that from the defenceless State of that frontier Province, You thought by no means advisable: As I now, by what I could learn, whether of my Predecessors received any instructions from the Ministry relative to this Affair, I told, as I then Observed to You, do nothing more than to represent the Case, and request that Orders might be sent me thereupon, which I have now the Satisfaction to Acquaint You came to my hands Yesterday, by a Letter from Mr: Secretary Pitt of the 15th of March last, signifying to me His Majestys Pleasure that I should take into Consideration Your Letter to Mr: Pitt of the 31st of Octo: (Copy of which was Enclosed) and should it appear to me that the Es-

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Establishment of the above Rangers may be of Use, and materially conducive to the Security of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, I was, without loss of Time, to give proper Directions to You for Establishing and keeping the same on foot; And that I should also Acquaint You in what manner You were to draw for the Expences Attending this Service:

In Obedience to these Commands, I have, as You will See by the Enclosed Copy of my Letter to Mr. Mortier the Dep: Paymr: Genl: given him Directions to Answer such Bills as You should Draw upon him for the Pay of the Officers & Forty Men of that Troop of Rangers which You have hitherto Kept on foot, from the 18th: Day of May 1758 to the 17th: of May 1759 Inclusive, during which Period I Understand You have Subsisted them on Your Credit, Observing at the same time that You Draw upon the Dep. Paymr: Genl: for the money due to You on that Account, You transmit to him the proper Pay Bills, Attested before a Magistrate and Supported by the Captains Receipt, in the same manner as You have heretofore done for the Expenditure of the Money which the Earl of Loudoun gave You a Credit for on him.

And as You have represented it absolutely necessary for the defence and protection of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia that this Troop of Rangers should be Kept on foot, I do in consequence of the King's before mention'd Comm: mands, hereby Authorize You to Establish and Fix on foot the said Troop of Rangers, Consisting in One Captain, Two Lieutenants, One Quarter Master, and Forty Men, upon the following Establishment, vizt: The Captain £10..10..0 First Lieut. £6. Second L^{t}: £5. - Quarter Master £3. and Private Men Each £2 Sterling per Month; for all which Pay, at the Expiration of three Months from the 18th of May last, You will likewise draw and Continue to do so for every three Months, upon the Dep. Paym^{r}: Genl: and transmit him the Vouchers as abovementioned.

As I would not willingly put the Subj: ic to a greater Expence than needs must be, and that I am hopefull that this Troop of Rangers will be Sufficient to keep the Frontiers of Georgia free from Insult of the Indians, I shall not think of Encreasing the Establishment until I hear further from You, but if contrary to my hopes, You should be of Opinion that those Rangers should Ab:

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-solutely be Augmented, and that You give me Your Reasons for it, I shall certainly take them into Consideration and resolve upon them accordingly.

I am

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excell.y Gov.r Ellis.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Gen.l Amherst / to Gov.r Ellis / Dated Albany June 1.st 1759. / directing him (in consequence of M.r Secretary Pitts / Letter of the 15 March,) to Es- -tablish a Repor / for the Drops of Rangers raised in 1756. for the / defence & protection of the Colony of Georgia & / pointing out to him the manner in which he / was to reimburse himself for their Pay for the / last twelve month, & how he was to draw for / that which should become due thereafter / and that he would inform him if there was a / necessity for enrea:s- -ing those rangers, with his / reasons for it. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / N.o 55.

Conojaharie, 21st April 1759.

Copy

Sir,

I Take the Earliest Opportunity to Acquaint You, that all the Material Business at the Meeting here with the Indians is finished.

Besides the Six Nations, Four Other Nations of Indians their Dependants, Assembled here, the whole Amount, Men, Women and Children is about 500.

It is with great pleasure I can Informe Your Excellency, these Confederate Nations have, with every Mark of Unfeigned Zeal and Sincerity, declared their unanimous Resolutions of Joining in the present War against the French, have Accepted & Taken up the War Hatchet, which I threw down to them in Your Name, as His Majesty's Commander in Chief upon this Continent. They have assured me they will shew this War Hatchet to all their Allies and Dependants, by making known to all Indians they have Connections with, the Engagements they have Entered into at this Meeting; They also said that those Indians of their respective Castles or Towns, who did not attend this Meeting, had Engaged themselves to Abide by whatever De-

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=terminations should be here taken.

The Chenossia Indians, who are a Body of the Seneca Nation, a Brave and powerfull people that live the nearest to Niagara, and the most remote from Us of any of the Six Nations, two nights ago, at a War Feast I gave to the whole Body of the Indians here, Stood up, and with a Belt of Wampum, said they took this publick and Solemn Opportunity, to de=
=clare their Satisfaction at the Engagements which all the Nations had Entered into at this Congress, and that they were Authorized by their People to Declare, their Resolutions had been fixed, since last Winter, to Commence Hostilities against the French, and in which they were fully determined, and now Acquainted this Assembly, that they thought their Joining us in the destruction of Niagara, which was Built in their Country, and which they gave up to the Eng=
=lish, would be the most Efficacious Plaister they could think of, to heal the Wounds which I Complained We had received from some of the Five Nations their Allies & Dependants, during the Course of the pre=
=sent War, by the Murder of Mac Michy, and Others His Majestys Subjects; And they desired We might push this Enterprize with all possible Vig=
=our and Dispatch, as the Success of it would greatly depend thereon.

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Not only from the public and general Declar-
-ations of the Indians at this Meeting, but from
private Conferences I have had with their Chiefs,
and a variety of other concurring Circumstances,
I think, I have a good foundation to give it as
my Opinion to Your Excellency, that, not only
from the Commencement of the present War, but
for many Years past, His Majesty's Indian Inter-
-est, hath not Wore so favorable a Face, nor
given Us such Encouraging Prospects; And that
if a Respectable Body of His Majesty's Forces should
speedily March up towards Lake Ontario, in order
to Carry on Operations from thence against the
Enemy, I would Join them with the Main Body
of the Five Nations & many of their Allies, And
that by the Appearance of Our Troops, and taking
other Corresponding Measures, I could Succeed in
prevailing on those of the Five Nations, who live
at La Galette, to Abandon the French Interest,
as well as many Other Nations of Indians
to the Northward & Westward, whom the French
Expect will Join them.

The Senecas and Onondagas have in-
-formed me, that in consequence of a Belt of
Wampum I sent sometime ago to the Western
Indians, (and which was backed by the 5 Nations)

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Deputies from 9 Nations of the said Foreign Indians, are Speedily Expected at Cherossio, from whence they propose to come immediately down, with Depu:-ties from the Six Nations, to my House, in order to hold a Meeting there, One of the principal Designs of which, as I Understand, is to desire a Trade may be Established between them and the Eng:-lish, and which was formerly Carried on at Oswego.

Your Excellency will naturally perceive, that the present favorable prospects of the Enr:-crease and Extention of His Majesty's Indian Interest will require, in Order to Cultivate and Support them, Additional Expences, and that I Cannot Act my part therein, without the ne:-cessary Supplies of Money; I mention this to You that You may not be Surprised, if I should Speedily make fresh Application to You on that head; You may depend I do, and I shall Act with all the Oeconomy which the Nature of this Service will admit - but such is its Nature, that a Considerable Expence is absolutely necessary, and I am of Opinion & flatter myself, the Good Effects to His Majesty's Service and the Public Good, will more than Compensate those Expences, tho these good Effects

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may not all of them be immediately felt. —
The Indian Trade, Sir, alone, wisely & right=
=ously Conducted, will be a Source of Vast Ad=
=vantages, not only to these Colonies, but to the
Commerce & Manufactures of Our Mother Coun=
=try, and will be the most Solid & lasting Se=
=curity to the Attachment of the Indians.

Time will not permit me, in my present Situation, to Transmit You a Copy of my Proceed=
=ings at this Congress; I thought it best not to de=
=lay giving You the General Result of them; If You Chuse to peruse the Whole, a Copy shall be drawn out and Sent You as soon as Possible, in the mean time Mr. Wraxall, who I expect will have the honour to deliver You this Letter, may be able to Answer any Particulars You may want to be informed of.

I Propose herewith to Send a Letter to Mr. Croghan, my Deputy, who Writes me he is to re=
=main with General Stanwix, and Acquaint him with the General Issue of this Meeting, as it will be absolutely necessary to the Success of his Indian Negotiations, to know the Resolutions of the Six Nations.

I am, with the greatest Respect, &c.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency Major General Amherst.

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Conajoharie, 22d. April 1759.

Copy

Sir,

Yesterday soon after Mr. Wraxall left this place with my Letter to Your Excellency, a Deputation of the Sachims of Each of the Nations at this Meeting, came to my Quarters, and made a Speech to me, a Copy whereof I herewith transmit You.

I Find they are all extremely desirous and Urgent that an Enterprise should be taken against Niagara, and I am so much persuaded of their Sincerity herein, that I think 800 Indians, if not more, would join me therein; I have promised them to transmit their Request to Your Excellency immediately, and when I receive Your Answer to let them know it.

The French, by the Intelligence I have Sent to Brigr. Gage, have, I believe by this time, Two Armed Vessels upon Lake Ontario, and I apprehend they are the only Interruption, of Consequence, We should meet with in our way to Niagara, & that the Fort would be no very difficult Conquest, as I could Invest it with Indians to favour the Attack, and with them but off all Succours from coming to it.

Your Excellency will permit me to Say, that I am of Opinion the Reduction of Niagara

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will Overset the whole French Indian Interest, and Trade, and throw it into Our hands, if this Conquest be properly improved, and that if You should put this Plan in Execution, no time should be lost, as the Transportation to Lake Ontario grows more & more difficult as the Summer advances.

I am,

&c.

Wm Johnson.

I Expect this Letter may Overtake Mr Wraxall at my House or Albany.

His Excellency

Major General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from/ Sir William Johnson, Bart./ To Major General Amherst/ Dated Canajoharie April 22d. 1759./ That after having dispatch'd his of the preceding/ day, a deputation of the Sachems of each of the/ Nations that had assisted at the Congress, came/ to him, & made him a Speech, whereby they were/ all extremely desirous & urgent that an enterprize/ should be taken against Niagara; And that he/ was so persuaded of their Sincerity therein,/ that he thought 800 Indians, if not more, would/ join him in it - At the same time en-closing a/ Copy of the Speech./ in Ms. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 57.

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Copy. - - Six Nations Speech to Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Conojaharie 21st. April 1759.

Present.

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Captains Butler, Fonda, Lotteridge, & Johnson.

Mr. Wells - - . Jacobus Clement & William Printup } Interprs.

Three Sachems, of each of the Nations, Waited on Sir William at his Quarters, and Spoke as follows ~

Canaghquieson Chief Sachem of Oneida Speaker.

"Brother Warraghiyagey, &c. ~

"Tho' We finished all the Material Busi-
"-ness of this Meeting two days ago, and have
"Complied with Every thing You have proposed
"to Us; There yet remains One Point in our
"Minds, which We are desirous of mentioning
"to You before We part, We have been in Coun-
"-cil upon it, and are now come, in the
"Name of All the Nations present, to Acquaint
"You with the Result of it. ~

"Brother, It is the Earnest and Unanimous
"Request of all the Nations present, that You
"March, as speedily as You can, with an Army
"against Niagara, which is in the Country
"of the Senecas, and which they now give up
"to be destroyed or Taken by You; the Sooner

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"the Thing is done the better, and We earnestly desire,
"that You who are Acquainted with Us and Our
"Jumpers, may Come this Way, least Our Brethereen,
"who are Strangers to Us and Our Warriors, may
"not Agree so well with Us, and this Our Desire
"We Request You will Acquaint the Great Man
"with, who is Head over All, (Meaning the General)
"as soon as You can".

Gave a Belt with the Figure of Niagara at the End of it, and Sir William's Name worked thereon; they Added also that Sir Williams going this way would be Extreamly convenient in Order to Speak to the Foreign Nations who are Expected.

This Belt is to be returned them with the General's Answer.

Endorsed Copy of the Speech of the / Six Nations to Sir Wm. Johnson / at Conojaharie April 21st. 1759. / Enclosed in Sir William's to Genl. Amherst / of the 22d. April / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759. / No. 58.

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Albany, 3d. May 1759. At Noon.

Sir,

As I did not receive Your Letter of the 22d. Ultimo, till just as I was going to Set out for this Place on the 28th., I deferd Answering it 'till my Arrival here, which was about an hour ago, and now I lose no Time in Send=ing You Capt. Prescott, One of my Aid de Camps, to beg the favor of You to meet me at Sch=eneetady to morrow morning about Ten of the Clock, when I propose to be there, to Answer the Contents of Your Letter and its two En=closures fully; Mean while I am, with great regard,

Dear

Jeff: Amherst

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl. Amherst / to Sir William Johnson, Bart. / Dated Albany May 3d. 1759. / That being on his departure for Albany when he / receivd his Letter of the 22d. April, he deferd / answering it till his arrival; that being just / come, he has desird Sr. Wm. to meet him the / next morning at Schenectady, when he should / Confer with him upon the Contents of his Letter / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 59.

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Copy

Albany, 6th May 1759.

Sir,

Being very impatient to receive the Re:
=port You promised to make me, of the Intelli:
=gence that You could get from the Indians in
regard to La Galette, its Environs and Niagara,
I cannot defer reminding You that I hope, by
the time this reaches You, You will have
procured the Same, and be able to Satisfy
me on that head; Meanwhile I am continuing
to forward to the Utmost, the Preparations for
the Lake, without losing Sight of those for
the Plan of the Westward, in case I should
think it right to Attempt something there;
It therefore is necessary, I should be
furnished with all the Intelligence and
Information possible; And I should hope
You might, by some of Your Indians,
be informed how far it is practicable
taking a Corps of Troops from Presqu'
Isle to Niagara, in which, I beg You
will be as precise and Circumstantial
as possible, that if such an Attempt should
be practicable, nothing may be wanting
to Warrant it's Success.

Capt. Prescott is the Bearer of

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this Letter, by whom I should be glad to receive Your Answer.

I am,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl. Amherst / to Sir William Johnson, Bart. / Dat. Albany May 6th. 1759. / Sir Wm. in his Conference with the Genl. at Schenectady / on the 4th, having promised to make him a Report / of the Intelligence he should obtain in regard to / La Galette, Its environs & Niagara, which the / General was Impatient of having, he here reminds / him of his promise. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 60.

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Fort Johnson, 6th. May 1759.

Sir,

Agreable to Your desire, I Send You a Sketch of Niagara, taken Yesterday from such Sens=
=cas now here, as are best Acquainted there; I had three Several Drafts, and all agreed so nearly, that I imagine the Enclosed is as Exact as can be got from such People.

I Have Yesterday Served out the last Amn=
=munition I had, and as there are several Indians here Yet, who have had none, and Others daily Com=
=ing and Expected, I Should be glad Your Excellency would please to Order some up to Schenectady, as soon as may be, such as good Powder, Small Ball, or small Bar Lead Good Light Arms will Soon be greatly wanted.

The Quantity of Goods, &c., which I had lately purchased at York and Philadelphia being only Cal=
=culated for such a Number of Indians as I Judged would be got to Join Your Excellency against Tien=
=deroga, will fall very Short, should an Expedition be Set on foot against Niagara, as there would be a much greater Number of Indians Join His Majesty's Arms that way than any Other, and as the procuring a necessary Quantity for such Numbers, will require some time, I doubt not Your Excellency will give me timely Notice. I am, &c.

His Excellency Major General Amherst.

Wm. Johnson.

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Albany, 8th May 1759.

Sir,

I Am to thank You for the Sketch En:
=closed in Yours of the 6th Instant, delivered to me Yesterday, and repeat to You my de:
=sire of receiving all the Intelligence and In:
=formation. You can possibly procure, agreable to my Enclosed Letter, with which Capt. Pres:
=cott was Yesterday on his Road to You, but returned, pursuant to my directions, in case he should learn any One was coming to me from You.

Immediately upon the Receipt of Your Letter, I Issued an Order to the Comptroller of the Ordnance to pick out as many Light Arms as he could find in the Stores, with Powder, Small Ball or small Bar Lead, Sufficient for Four Hundred Men, and to pack up the Same in order to be forwarded to You, with directions that before they were Sent, the Arms should be brought to me, that I might be certain they were fit for the Ser:
=vice they are intended; But the Storekeeper informs me, that there are at present no more than Four Light Arms in the Stores, which prevents me from Sending those I destined for You, so soon as I

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Wish; however as I left Two Hundred at New York, which I Expect up daily, I hope soon to be able to Supply You with them, which You may be Assured, shall be immediately after they are Landed here; Wherefore as You have frequent Occa=: sions to Send Your Waggons here, You may Order them to Call at Head Quarters, that if they be come, by the time they return, they may take them to You.

So soon as I am Certain of going the Way You Mention, I shall give You Notice, Mean while I am, &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Sir Wm Johnson, Bart:

Endorsed Copy Letter from Ms. Genl. Amherst/to Sir Wm Johnson, Bart:/ Dat: Albany May 8th: 1759./Thank=: ing him for the Sketch of Niagara &/acquainting him that he had order'd the/Ammunition, together with 200 light Arms./in Ms. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N: 62.

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Copy

Albany 19th May 1759.

Sir,

The Assurances You have given me, both by Letters and in Conversation, that the Confederate Nations of Indians had, with every Mark of unfeigned Zeal and Sincerity, declared their Unanimous resolutions of joining in the present War against the French; have determined me to pursue the plan I had before formed for an Enterprize against Niagara, which I now propose to carry into Execution, with all possible dispatch, with a large Corps of Regular & Provincial Troops, the former of which are already Garrisoned and Encamped along the Mohawk River, and the latter are Ordered to Schenectady, together with Every thing else that may be still wanting, to carry this Enterprize most Effectually into Execution:- And as You have also informed me, that the Indians were all extreamly desirous and Urgent that the above Enterprize should take place, and that You were so perswaded of their Sincerity therein, that You thought Eight Hundred of them, if not more, would Join You in it; I must therefore now desire, that You will immediately set about Collecting as

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many of them, for that purpose, as You can, with=
=out nevertheless acquainting them, that Niagara
is the Object in View, lest, thro' inadvertency
or Otherwise, they might disclose the Same, and
the Enemy be Apprized thereof, which might be
productive of some Delays in the Success of
His Majesty's Arms: - Wherefore, this is entirely
in Confidence to, and for, Your own Self.

As I have given the Command of this Enterprize
to Brig.r General Prideaux, an Officer of Rank and
Experience, and that he is fully provided with Every
thing requisite to Warrant the Success of this Under=
=taking, I have only to beg, that You will, as
soon as possible, Join him, with the Number of Indians
You shall be able to Collect, at Oswego, and there put
Yourself and them under his Command; And that You
will Assist him with Your advice, and give him
all the Intelligence and Information that You have,
or may Acquire, from Your long residence among, and
Experience of, the Indians, and Your Knowledge of this
Country. I am,

Yrs. Jeff.: Amherst.

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl. Amherst/

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Albany 23d: May 1759.

Sir,

By my Letter of the 19th: I Acquainted You with the Resolution I had come to, immediately to Carry into Execution the Attempt I had pro:posed to myself, and which was likewise hinted by You, in some of Your Letters, the Command of which, You will have Seen, I have given to Brig: General Prideaux, and desired of You, to give him all the Aid and Assistance therein, that You are Capable of, with the Body of In:dians which You intended to Collect upon that Occasion, and with which it was my desire, You should Join Brigadier Prideaux without loss of time; All these Matters I must again most earnestly recommend to You; And that nothing may retard the immediate Execution of this Enterprize, I have picked out Two Hundred of the best and lightest Arms (of the Carbine kind) come out from England, which I now Send You for the Use of Your Indians, and which I dare Say You will Approve of; My reason for Sending You these, is because those I Expected from York are not yet Come, and may perhaps not be here, so soon as it is absolutely necessary to put Your Indians in

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Motion; Besides, as I Observed before, I am confident these I Send are better than the French Arms; I trust therefore that, upon Receipt of them, with what I have before Sent You, and with those the Indians will bring of their own, You will directly be Able to Compleat, and proceed with the whole Number of Indians to the Place of Rendezvous, that Mr. Prideaux may not, for want of them, be retarded in his Operations. — I Send You this by Capt. D'Arcy my Aid de Camp, and am,

Yrs Jeff: Amherst.

Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart.

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Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl. Amherst / to Sir William Johnson, Bart. / Dat. Albany May 23d. 1759. / Repeating his instances of the 19th. and that / nothing might retard his Joining the Brigs with / the Indians sends him 200. Carbines / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 64.

Copy

Fort Johnson, 24th May 1759.

Sir,

I Am just now honoured with Yours of Yesterday by the hands of Capt: D'Arey; Upon my Receipt of Your Excellency's last, I immediately dispatched a Message to all the Indians Living at, and about the Susquahana River, with Directions for them to meet me immediately at Fort Stanwix, it lying the nearest to their Settlements; The Upper Nations are to meet me at Oswego, and the Mohawks, with some Others, are to proceed with me from hence.

Your Excellency may be Assured that nothing shall be wanting on my Side, which may Expedite and promote the Success which We may hope for, from the present intended Enterprize, but that I shall to the utmost of my Ability, Assist Brig: General Prideaux with all the Indians I can possibly Collect, from whom I have great Expectations. —

I Make no doubt but the Carbines will Answer very well, but the Indians will Expect Payment for those Arms they bring, on which Account, as well as for Officers Pay, and the Additional Quantity of Goods, &c,

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which I was Obliged to purchase, when last at Albany for the Campaign, as the Service might suffer for want of a Sufficiency, I shall require a Warrant for £3000 Sterling, which I mention:=tioned to Brigr. General Prideaux at Schen:=:ectady, who promised he would Write to Your Excellency about it, and Some other things very necessary for me to have. I am,

&c.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency
Major General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from/ Sir William Johnson, Bart./ To Major General Amherst./ Dat.d Fort Johnson May 24.th 1759./ That immediately upon the receipt of the Genl.s of 19.th/ he had dispatched a Message to all the Indians at & about the Susquehana River, to meet him at Fort/ Stanwix; those of the upper Nations at Oswego/ & the Mohawks to proceed with him; that he/ should Aid & Assist Br.: Prideaux in every thing:/ but desired a fresh Supply of Money of £3000 Str./ NB. a Warrant was sent for said Sum./ in M.G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 65.

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Albany, 6th May 1759. ~

Dear Sir,

I Send You this by Capt. D'Arey to Ac=
=quaint You of my Resolves of the Operations to
be Carried on, on this Side, which I do not Chuse
to trust to the Post; I have before informed You
of my Intentions of an Enterprize against Ni=
=agara, which I have now determined to Exe=
=cute, as near as may be at the same time
that I shall be Assembled at the Lake, to dis=
=tract the Enemy as much as possible, and
Oblige them to Abandon some Posts, or to di=
=vide their Forces, which will Weaken them so
much in Every part as will almost Ensure
Success to Our Undertakings.

I Must now desire that You will prepare
as fast as Possible, to be ready to Push forward
a Corps from Pittsburg to Venango, Le Beuf,
and Presqu' Isle, at the same time that the
Attack at Niagara will be Attempted; The
Reduction of those Places, I imagine, will meet
with little or no Opposition, as the Indians
in all Appearance, will be wholly in Our In=
=terest, so that most probably the Enemy will
Quit those Posts on the first Intelligence they
receive of the Attack on Niagara.

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Nobody here knows what I intend, my pre:
=parations have been making for some time past
for acting by Oswego as well as Lake George,
and no One but Yourself will know it 'till
I can execute it: If I tell Sir William Johnson
or the Indians the French would know it di:
=rectly, therefore it is a Secret, and I know
it is not the less so, for informing You of it.

I Shall give the Command of this Ex:
=pedition to Brig.r General Prideaux, and I
shall Send about 5000 Men, with Batteaus
and Whale boats sufficient; the Whole shall move
at once, and when they Move I shall Demand
the Indians; My Intentions are that about
half the Number shall proceed to Niagara,
while the other half will take post at Oswego,
a Place I hope never more to be Abandoned.

I Am willing to think the Conquest
of Niagara will be easy, and I must keep
it, and it will so effectually Secure every
thing on Your Side of Lake Erie from
every thing but Indians, who I hope now
will at least not be against us, that I
must desire that You will Garrison it from
the First Battalion of Royal Americans, with
what Provincials You may think proper, to

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be Commanded by a Regular Officer, for it must not be Trusted to any Other; I mean this, that I may recall the Troops to Act Offensively to the Eastward of Lake Ontario, or, where His Majesty's Service shall most require.

This at first Sight may have some difficulties, for the want of Batteaus and Whale-boats, for which You shall have all the Information and Assistance Brig^r: General Prideaux can give You, who will on the Spot be able to transmit to You sure and good Intelligence and I design to Supply them with Provisions from this Side.

I Imagine Two or Three Hundred Men will be Sufficient for the Garrison of Niagara, as I don't See anything can hurt them when Oswego is Secure, and We are Acting Offensively in Every Other Part.

So soon as I have fixed the day for the departure of the Troops intended for this Expedition, which waits only the Arrival of the Provincials, and that I can give a near guess of the time they may Arrive at Niagara, I shall Send to Acquaint You of it; In the meanwhile I must beg You will be so good to forward every thing to be ready to Clear

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Your Road to Lake Erie, and that You will make such Dispositions, that I may depend on Your Sending, from the Troops under Your Command, a Sufficient Garrison for Niagara, which I hope will soon be Ours. I am, with great Truth & Esteem,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

P.S. I Send You Enclosed some Papers for Your Information in regard to the Indian Interest, from which and the Discourse I have had with Sir William Johnson, I flatter Myself they will be of Service to Us this Campaign.

Brig: General Stanwix.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl: Amherst/ to Brigr: General Stanwix./ Dated Albany May 6th 1759./ Informing him of the resolution the Genl: is/ come to, to make an Attempt on Niagara;/ therefore desiring him to prepare as fast as/ possible to push forward a Corps from Pittsburg/ to Ven: = ango, Le Boeuf & Presqu' Isle, and/ that, when Niagara is reduced, he will Garrison/ it from the 1st Battn: Royal Americans, with/ what Provincials he may think proper, to be/ Commanded by a regular Officer; - With a/ further insight into the Plan./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 66.

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Philad^{a}: 13th May 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Am to Own the favour of Your Letter I received on friday night last, by Your Aid de Camp Captn. D'Arey, informing me of Your Resolves for an Enterprize against Niagara, in which You have my Warmest Wishes for that Success You have so favourable a prospect of Meeting with, and You may be Assured of my utmost endeavours to prepare as fast as possible to be ready to Push a Body of Troops from Pittsburg to Venango, Le Beuf, and Presqu' Isle, to Enable me if possible to Send a Detachment of the First Batt^{n} of Roy^{l} Amer^{a}: Reg^{t}. with some Provincials to Garrison Niagara, and Wish I could have any reasonable hopes to Effect it at the same time with the Attack of Niagara, but the difficulties of Marching by Land, so as to Keep pace with this Enterprize by Water, is but too Obvious, for all that I have been able to do hitherto has been just to Support with Provisions the Small present Garrison in the Posts to the Westward, for want of Carriages; I Have Advertized the most advantageous Terms for Waggons, after having Consulted with the Learn: =ed in their Way, in order to bring them in voluntarily, which, if Effected tho' dear, will be

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a hundred ℔ Cent Cheaper than last Year; What Number this will produce a little time will Shew, if it does not Answer, must have re: :course to the Assembly, who meets the 21st:, for a Bill to Oblige the Waggons to come in under a Certain Fine, as was done last Year, few of them yet are paid for the last Campaign, for want of Money, which gives a general dissatis: :faction, more than from the want of dispatch from the Commissrs:- On Enquiry of Mr: Barrow D. P. M. G. and Mr: Nelson Cashier, am Told by them that the Cash does not come in as Expected by Circulation, and that the Necessitys of New York has taken from them upwards of £40,000 Sterling; Recourse must therefore be had to the Assembly to Strike us £100,000. Cur: :rency in paper Money, and Lodge Bills of Ex: :change as Security to the Province for some Months till it can be Sunk again; have mentioned our great necessity to the Speaker, and to Govr: Denny, who give me some hopes that this in some shape may be done as it is to pay themselves, for as no Money is sent from England to Come this way, the Whole Cash of this Province is insufficient to to buy the Bills of Exchange ever so low, even to pay

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the debts of last Year, and it will be an im=
=mense Sum that will be wanted to Build
a respectable Fort at Pittsburg, and to carry
on the Service of this Year, thro' so much
Land Carriage, so dear and so difficult to
be had for every thing We want.

The present State of our Troops for
the Service this way - The Virginia Regi=
=ment of 1200 Men have about 400 at Li=
=gonier and Pittsburg, when the 300 now
on their March Arrive there, about 180 with
Col.o Byrd in Virginia, the rest (above half
the Regiment) not raised Yet, and cannot be
Supposed to be ready at the Soonest to move
from Winchester, before the beginning of
June, therefore cannot be at Pittsburg be=
=fore the beginning of July; On the Arrival
of the 300 Virginians now on their March
to Ligonier, the Highlanders, between that and
this, are Ordered to Eliz.th Point to Join their
Battalion, and the rest as soon as possible.

The First Batt.n Roy.l Amer.s are ready
to March as soon as provisions can be got up,
but should they be marched to the Borders of
this Province before We are in some measure
secured of Carriages and be put to the disagreable

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necessity of pressing, the Country would laugh at us for to attempt it without Force, and the Appearance of it might be Wanted, tho We should get a Bill in Our favour (from the Assembly) to carry it into Execution.

The Carriage of 12 Weeks provisions Calculated for 5000 Men (Including Indians to Feed at Pittsburg) will Require. . . . 800 Waggons.

Forrage for 1000 Horses beyond ye Mountains will Employ . . . . 400.

Tents, Tents, Tools, Hospital & Materials to Build a Fort and Batteaus . . 100

In all . . . . . 1300 Waggons.

A Waggon will be a Month in going to the Ohio from Carlisle and 20 Days to return, allowing ten days rest, Each Waggon can only make One Trip in two Months.

Supposing that the Waggons could be Collected, and Set out beginning of June (The Soonest the Green Forrage begins to be Plenty) a Brigade every day, the several Convoys of Provisions would reach Pittsburg (Accidents Excepted) from the beginning to the End of July.

But instead of 1300 Waggons wanted for 12 Weeks for Provisions and Necessaries, the whole Province by the Report made to General Forbes,

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cannot Spare now above half that Number, and if even that could be depended upon, they must make Two Trips, and consequently retard any Motions further to the Westward.

The Roads from Carlisle to Pittsburg, 200 Miles, the Winter has made impassable for Waggons, till repaired, & the Freshes has carried away almost all the Bridges, these will retard the March of the Troops and Provisions.

If part of the Army is to March to Lake Erie, and Dispossess the Enemy of their Three Forts, Batteaus must be Built at Pitts-burg for their Provisions, Artillery and Am-munition, Roads must be also Opened, and their March must be Slow Work in that Rough Country, where so many Creeks are to Bridge.

The necessary preparations for that Ex-pedition, the Opening the Roads, the Portage at La Beuf, and the Taking of the Forts, can-not be supposed to take less Time than Six Weeks, which would Carry us to the Middle of September, or the beginning of October, which will make it too late for any Garrison left at Niagara to be relieved, and March back to Join the Grand Army; We are burying

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Waggon Horses for 50 Waggons, which We propose to fix at Fort Ligonier for constant Carriages of Provisions & Stores from thence to Pittsburg, and if We can get Money, are in hopes of being able to Contract for a Number of Pack Horses, to go constantly between Fort Bedford and Ligonier; If this can be Effected it will give great Encouragement to the Country Waggons to come in, as they will have only to Travel between Carlisle and Bedford, which We are in hopes will procure a Succession of Provisions thro' the Communication.

I Know of no Enterprize that can be more Interesting than that of taking Niagara, and fixing once more a good Post at Detroit, and I find Myself very unhappy, to be in such a Situation, as not to be able to Second Your Expectations at so Critical a Moment in point of time, but the Obstacles are so Apparent & Real, that was I not to Mention them, I should not only deceive You but Myself; What is possible to be done I shall Attempt, and from time to time Acquaint You with the Advances I Make, which You must foresee, from the Nature of the Service this way, will be very Slow.

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As the Upper House in Maryland have a Vote in their Legislature, and all Named by the Proprietor, find Govr: Sharp could not Have his Proprietory Instructions, So did not Send that Letter You Wrote to Induce him to it, but the Other, so that all hopes from that Quarter are over.

This Long Letter looks as if I Wanted to Palliate something that I had done Amiss, but really have given more Attention to the Busi:ness of this Department, since I have been here, than ever I thought could possibly Arise in it, and shall continue to do so; have a great deal more to Say, but in Order to Dis:patch Capt: D'Arcy, must refer it to Another time, and Shall only Add, that I am, with the great:est Truth & Respect,

Dear Sir,

&c.

John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Brigt: Genl: Stanwix/ to Major General Amherst/ Datd: Philadelphia May 13th: 1759./ Ack:nowledging the receipt of the Genl: of the 6th:/ assurances of his do:ing his utmost in Executing/ the Orders contained in it, but despairing of/ Success from the various difficulties he shall/ have to encounter, which he enumerates/ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No: 67.

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Albany May 30th 1759 ~

Dear Sir

I have delayed till now, returning You my thanks for the favor of Your Letter of the 13th Instant, which was delivered to me, by Capt. D' Arey, on the 21st, as I had so fully ac=quainted You, of my intentions of an Enterprize against Niagara, and that I therefore chose to tell You, when I did write to You, of the time that the Troops Order'd for this Expedition might probably arrive there.

The whole is now in Motion, and Brig: Genl. Prideaux will Set out from Schenectady to Morrow; I have taken the greatest care I could, so to furnish every thing that can be wanted towards the Success of this Expedition, that I am Willing to believe it cannot fail.

As You know the Mohawks River, You will know, as well as any one here, what time it will take to reach Oswego, Brig: General Prideaux will most undoubtedly make the greatest Expedition he can, and I must repeat to You, my most earnest desires, that You may be able to benifit of the great advantages there must be, in Seizing the time for pushing forward a Corps

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to Venango Le boeuf and Presqu'Isle, where he will Arrive at Niagara.

I enclose to You, Extracts of the Orders I have given to Brig.r Genl. Gridiaux, as far as they regard any Expectations he may have, of the March of any part of the Troops under Your Command.

I have, in my last, Acquainted You of my Expectations of the Indian Interest towards this Enterprize, and I Sent You Some Papers re:lative thereto; I now have informed Sir William Johnson of the Intended Operations, & I have the Greatest reason to believe, from every thing that Sir William tells me, that the Indians, will be unanimous in Assisting us; And as Sir William Johnson goes with them, I doubt not but they will keep up to the Promise they have made him; for their Engagements, to Serve with him on this Occasion, are entirely in Consequence of their own desires.

I have nothing further to Add, on this most essential Service, than my hopes, that when You are at Fort Du Quesne, You will find the difficulties of Advancing, much less than what they appear to be from the re:presentation of Others. The Conviction I have

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of Your doing every thing that can tend towards the Success of this Expedition and making the best use of this Occasion, of dislodging the Enemy entirely from every part between You and the Lake, that the Communication may be open to Niagara from Fort Du Quesne, as well as from Fort Stanwix, leaves me Nothing further to recommend; I Shall therefore conclude, with my Assurances of regard and Es= =teem, that at all times attend on You, And with my most ardent wishes for Success to You, in all Your undertakings.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst ~

Brig: Genl: Stanwix.

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from M. Genl: Amherst/ To Brig: Genl: Stanwix./ Albany May 30th 1759./ further Information relative to the Enterprize/against Niagara; not doubting but they would/ remove all difficulties./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 68.

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Extract. /

Philadelphia 6th June 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Am to Acknowledge the favour of Your Letter, by Express, of the 30th May, with the Extract of Your Instructions to Brigr General Prideaux; Wish him every Success You have so much reason to Expect, from Your well Concerted Measures, for the Execution of his Enterprize; and You may depend upon my doing Every thing in my power, to get up to Presqu'il, and by every thing I can learn, my greatest difficultys will not lye between Pittsburg and that Fort, but procuring a sufficiency of Provisions, in any reasonable time, for such an Enterprize, and an Army with Every thing necessary at Pittsburg, for the Execution of it. I Wrote You a Letter by the Post, Monday last, taking notice of the great difficulties that hindered me from getting forward; I am doing the Utmost in my power to Obviate them all, and have some reasonable hopes of so far getting the better of them, as to leave this Place for Carlisle soon, the Place appointed for the Rendezvous of the Provincials.— Their Condition and forwardness I mentioned to You in my last, as well as those of Virginia, so shall not repeat it now, but live in hopes of better Reports.

General Amherst.

John Stanwix.

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Albany May 17th: 1759.--

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Dear Sir,

In Obedience to the King's Commands to me for making an Irruption into Canada, and for pushing the Operations of the Campaign with the Utmost Vigour, and His Majesty's pleasure having been Signified to me at the same time, that I would give a due Attention to Lake Ontario, and the Reestablishment of the important Post of Oswego, a place so highly Essential to His Maj:=esty's Dominions in America in time of peace as well as War, and His Majesty's Commands having also been Sent to me, that if I should find it practicable, I should push on the Operations as far as Niagara, the taking of which Fort would Effectually Cut off the Communication between Canada and the French Settlements to the South. - I Have, on a Mature Consideration of what Operations will be the best towards the Success of this Ensuing Campaign, resolved to Send a large Corps of Troops under Your Com:=mand, Consisting of Abercrombys, L.t General Murray's, 4th Batt.n of Royal Americans, and the 2680 New York Provincials, with the nece:=sary Engineers and Artificers, and a proper Pro:=portion of Artillery, Stores, and Provisions,

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as You will See by the Enclosed Lists, that You may March with the said Corps to Oswego and Niagara, at the same time that I shall March with the Remainder of the Army to the Lake to proceed to Tienderoga.

A Sufficient Number of Batteaus are pro=vided and are ready at Schenectady for the Transportation of Stores and Provisions.

You will therefore take on You the Com=mand of the above Corps, and proceed without loss of time to Fort Stanwix, (where You will leave One Hundred & Fifty Men of Your Pro=vincials to be added to the Garrison I have Ordered for that Post) and from thence to the East End of the Oneida Lake, where I im=agine it will be necessary to leave a Post of Fifty Men; After Crossing the Oneida Lake, it appears to me, another Post should be Established at the West End, and may be of One hundred & Fifty Men; And between that and Oswego, at the Falls, a Post on the Right of the Carrying Place, where there is a Rising Ground, will be absolutely necessary, and, I think, should not be of a less Number than One hundred Men; These Three Posts properly Stockaded, some Swivels Mounted,

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the Garrisons will be in no danger, and they may keep up a Safe Communication from Fort Stanwix to Oswego; Of which Posts, You, when on the Spot, will be best able to determine on the proper Numbers, and You will Encrease or Diminish them (except that at Fort Stanwix) as You shall judge best.

On Your Arrival at Oswego, You will leave near half Your Corps with the next Officer in Command under You, with Orders to him, to immediately Set about and Build a Fort, according to the Enclosed Plan, or with such Alterations, on a nearer View of the Ground, You may think necessary to make in the Position of it, taking the Advantages of the High Ground, and Commanding the Harbour for the Protection of Boats. - As Every thing is sent that is thought can possibly be wanted for carry:ing this Work on, it is to be hoped, that, as soon as the Commanding Officer has taken proper Posts round his Ground and thrown up some small Redoubts, which may be done in a few hours, for the Security of his Camp and to Cover his Workmen, he will immediately begin the Fort, and Exert himself in finishing it as fast as possible.

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It will tend greatly to the Success of Your Enterprize, that You make the greatest Dispatch, to proceed with the other half of Your Corps, and the Indians who will join You under the Command of Sir William Johnson, with such Number of Boats as You Judge necessary, from Oswego, along the South Side of Lake Ontario, to Niagara, where You will Land Your Corps, and pursue all such Measures as You shall think the most Effectual for the Speedy Reduction of Niagara; for Your Assistance in which, You will See, by the Enclosed Papers from Sir William Johnson, that I have the greatest reason to Expect all the helps the Indians can give, who are extremely desirous this Plan should be put in Execution, and think the Conquest will be Easy.

I Have determined on this Enterprize, as I think the Enemy cannot possibly parry the Blow, it is of the Utmost Consequence to the future Operations of the Campaign that no time should be lost in Making Yourself Master of Niagara, for which place You will See by my Letter to Brig: Genl: Stanwix that I depend on him to Garrison it from the Troops under his Command, which You will

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accordingly Apply for, but if from any difficul=
=ties that may Arise, he should not be able
to Send Troops forward by the time You are
in possession of the Place, I would have You
leave a sufficient Garrison for the Defence of
it, untill Brig: General Stanwix can relieve
it, which Garrison when relieved will follow
You, and You will with the Utmost Dispatch
return to Oswego, and from thence proceed with
such part of Your Whole Corps, as will be over
and above what is necessary for continuing the
Fort, and Securing the Post of Oswego (which
when You go towards the River St: Laurence
cannot want the same Numbers for its de=
=fence) to the River St: Laurence, and take
post at La Galette, which will greatly help
towards the Conquest of Canada; by this time
I hope the Enemy will find so much to do
in Other Corners, as not to make any Oppo=
=sition to You, and that You may be able
to Post Yourself at La Galette, when I am
Willing to think the Army on this Side may
be at Crown Point.

I Enclose You an Order for holding: General
Courts Martial, and a Power for Signing Warrants
for the Subsistence of the Regiments, or for any

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Other Contingencies that may be absolutely Wanted.

You will take all Occasions of Acquaint=ing me with Your Proceedings, and Sending Expresses when necessary, and in every thing that may happen not herein Specifyed, You will Act as You Judge best in Executing the above Orders, for the Destruction of the Enemy, the Good of His Majesty's Service; and the Honour of the King's Arms.

I Most heartily Wish You Success in all Your Undertakings, and Am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sr

Your most Obedt Humble Servt

Jeff: Amherst.

Brigr: General Prideaux.

Endorsed Copy Instructions from/ Mr. Genl: Amherst to Brigr: Genl:/ Prideaux.-/ Dated Albany May 17th 1759.~/ for an Enterprize against Niagara, &/ building a Fort at Onego, & taking/ Post at La Galette./ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 71.

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Proportion of Ordnance Remaining at Fort Stanwix.

Nº.	Calibre.	Species.
2	6 . . .	Brass Ordnance Mounted on Travelling Carriages.
4	3 . . .	
1	12 . . .	Iron Ordnance Mounted on Garrison Dº.
2	9 . . .	
4	. . . .	Brass Coteraroes Imperfect.
1	8 Inch . .	Howitzers Iron.
2	4 2/5 Cohorn	Mortars Brass on Beds.

Ammunition & Stores in Proportion for the Above Ordnance.—

Endorsed Proportion of Ordnance/Remain:
:ing at Fort Stanwix/1759./in Mr. Gº. Amherst's
of June 19. 1759/ Nº. 72.

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Proportion of Ordnance Ordered for the Mohawk River.

Nº.	Calibre	Species.	
2	18	Iron Ordnance Mounted on Trav.ᵗ Carr.ˢ with Limbers & Coins	Sent from Albany.
4	6	Iron Ordnance Mounted on Garrison Carriages	... from Schenectady.
1	4		
12	½ Swivels		
4	12	Eight Brass Ordnance Mounted on Travelling Carr.ˢ	At Fort Stanwix & to be Sent from thence.
2	6		
2	4⅖ Cohorns	Mortars Brass on Beds	... from Fort Stanwix.
1	8 Inch	Iron Howitzers mounted on Travell.ᵗ Carriages	... from Fort Stanwix.
2	5½ D.ʳ	Brass Howitzers mounted on Travell.ᵗ Carriages	
8	4⅖ D.ʳ	Brass Mortars Mounted on Beds	Sent from Albany.

A Proper Proportion of Ammunition and all Stores Sent with this for the Service of the Artillery of for 5,000 Men. —

Endorsed Proportion of Ordnance/ Ordered for the Mohawk River./ 1759./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ Nº. 73.

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Albany 21st May 1759~

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Dear Sir

On hearing last Night, Your Boats had Set off and were gone down the River, I instantly Sent to Stop all that could be found, before they reached the Falls, & to Coll. Johnstons Man, to take them up again - I have this Moment a Report, from the Capt. of Royal Highlanders Commanding beyond Nestaguena that he has picked up 60, which I have Ordered to be Sent up directly.

I have given an Order, for Forty Oxen to go up to Fort Stanwix, for the Necessary Work of drawing Timber, These make ten Teams, and You will be so good to divide them, three Teams for Fort Stanwix, one I reckon Necessary for the Work of the Block Houses between Fort Stanwix & Oswego, And Six Teams for the building of Oswego, You will change this proportion, any time hereafter, as You find Necessary, at present, they Should proceed directly to Fort Herkemer, where, I am told, there is grass enough; the Commanding Officer there, Must take them under his Charge, till they can find, on the Ground, enough for them to live on, and then, the Sooner they are forwarded

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the better; be so good to take care they have an Escort where Necessary.

Your Carpenters are all to Sett out early on Wednesday Morning, the Foreman and eight or ten Men tomorrow early, that Clements, the present Master Carpenter at Schenectady, may deliver up every thing to him in Order, You had however, better keep Clements with You till all is Set off in Battoes; Dyce, Your Master Carpenter, has Accounts to Settle, he will follow You in a day or two, and Over-take You on Horse back. ~

I have given, in General Orders, the prices of Works, which I Send to You.

I think the post of Fort Stanwix of so great Consequence, that I Shall Send from hence, Capt. Grant & Ensign St. Clair, with three Ser-jeants and three Corporals, these will Assist Major Browning in the Garrison, and will do great Service, in the care of every thing that may be wanted.

Don't think of Sitting down to Answer this, I know You must be full of Employ, You will meet with many difficulties, no Body can get over them better than Yourself. Patience and perseverance will do every thing.

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and I hope You will find the people under You Active & Alert.

I will remind You of One thing, that I Suspect Your people under Your Command, as well as all other Soldiers, to be more care=-less of Provisions, till they are delivered to them to eat, than they are of Any thing else, they will leave the Barrels, if not Strictly looked after, they think they get rid of a Load, & dont Consider in the least, that they must After=-wards run a Risk of Starving for it, The Pro=-visions require a very particular Care, & can't be Too Narrowly inspected into.

I Shall write to you often, as You may be Assured, I Shall be glad of all Occasions, to prove to You, the Truth & Esteem with which I am Dear Sir &c —

Jeff: Amherst

Brig: Genl: Prideaux

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl: Amherst/ to Genl: Prideaux/ Albany 21st: May 1759./ Informing him of sundry things sent & Orders/ given, since his departure, for the better/ carrying the intended Enterprize into/ Execution./ sir M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 /N°. 74.

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Albany May 23d. 1759

Dear Sir

I Yesterday received Your Letter, dated the Same Day, at which time, I believe mine of the 21st was not Yet got to Your hands; but I hope, You will have, before this, received it, as I sent it by Mr. Blair of the Artillery.

On the receipt of Yours, I Sent for Mr. Dyce, who I had fixed on, as the person to direct all Works going on this Way, and was obliged to change him for Clements, that You Might have the Carpenters; I Asked him, if Clements would be Necessary for him, and he assures me, that he has a Foreman and an Assistant, both good Men, And that he Shall not want Clements; Dyce, is himself so good a Man, that I really believe You will not want Clements, or You certainly Should have him, and I have no Other Overseer, for the Carpenters I must now pick up here, but Clements.

I send You enclosed, a Copy of a Letter I have received from Brigr. Genl. Stanwix, by which You will See, what a Number of difficulties arise in that Quarter, and that You will not depend on his Garrisoning Your

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Conquest. I will write to him, & try to take off these difficulties, as much as I can, which I fear Some other people encrease more than they Should do; but when Brig: Genl: Stanwix moves forward, I cannot help thinking, he will see it so, and I am very Sure, he will do all he can; in the present Situation of things, what can the French possibly do, to hinder 500. Men from taking Venango, Lebeuf & Presqu' Isle, when all the Indians are our friends.

I likewise enclose You, Copy of a Letter, I received Yesterday by Capt. Prescott, from L: Col: Massey; You will see, by his thoughts of the Post of the Lake, that he knows Noth: =ing of the intended Operations, or the As: =surances of the Indians; And You will See, difficulties About the Wood Creek being Stoped up; Bradstreet Swears to me it is Nothing at all, they may make imaginary difficulties About it, as they did to him when it had been Stoped in the Same way, And he cleared it in an Hour, and that their Apprehensions About difficulties of the Wood Creek, are for trifles; I Should think, You Should Send Some proper People before You,

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to clear it.

If You thought proper, to order Lieut. Col. Massy to Encamp the Regt. he Comm:-mands near the Fort Stanwix, it will make room for the intended Garrison, and the Regt. will be the better for being Encamped two or three Days as they set off.

The Oxen I have Sent, Should have Some Indians with them, one or two; or as they go through the Indian Country, they'll take Toll, but when they are Acquainted, they are intended for draught, & not to Eat as Yet, they then will be Satisfied; Sir William will best assist You in these things; I Send him 200 more arms for Indians.

I will fix every thing, for continuing up Provision to Fort Stanwix, of which I will acquaint You, and I'll regulate it so, as that there Shall be a constant Supply.

I Enclose You an Order I give About Batteau Service, You have been lucky in Saving the Batteaus. The Innistilling & Forbes's Marched to day, Provincials come in Slowly, but I Shall get them forward as fast as possible.

I am very fully Satisfied, You will

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dispatch every thing as fast as You can, Your Success will be the easier for it; Capt. Dres=cott tells me, the Indians nor Regulars, Officers or Men, knew the least what was going on, and that he does not know him=self; but if the French now know our Motions, I think it is out of their Power to disappoint us.

I am Dear

Jeff: Amherst

P. S. I have but Sixteen Bullocks in the whole here for Eating, I order fourteen of the Number to Fort Stanwix, that You may give one days fresh Provision for the whole Corps. What remains, will be of Use at the Posts, or as You direct. I Send You three Pounds of Turnips, by the Man who drives the Cattle, three Pounds will be Sufficient for three Acres of Ground. — In my Memor=andums of Batteaus & Whaleboats, I men=tioned 5 Men & 6 Men to go in them to Fort Stanwix, 15 & 20 Men may go in them from Fort Stanwix. I leave the Letter to Sr. William Johnson open, that You may See the Contents,

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and You will be so good to close it, and deliver it to Capt. D. Arey. ~

Brig: Genl: Prideaux.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from M. Genl: Amherst / to Brig: Genl: Prideaux / Albany May 23d: 1759. / With a Copy of Brig: Genl: Stanwix's Letter / of the 13th: the Generals thoughts thereupon, / and further Information of what has been / order'd for the Enterprize against Niagara. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No: 75.

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Copy./ Albany May 29th: 1759.

Dear Sir,

By the Disposition I am making to keep up a Constant Supply of Provisions, to which End I have this day Marched the Men intended for that Service to Schenectady where they are to wait till further Orders, the following Proportion of Batteaus will be Employed.

Fort Stanwix	17 Batteaus	104 Men
East End of Oneida Lake	9	54.
West End	14	84.
Oswego Falls	10	60.

All the Batteaus on this side Fort Stanwix I Shall of Course Send from hence, and Colonel Bradstreet Says it is impossible You can Employ Your Batteaus when You Arrive at Oswego, but that You must have Enough to Send back to the above Places, but this shall be done as You desire, whatever inconveniency it may put me to here, and therefore You will let me know what Batteaus You will take on Yourself to Send back from Oswego, because I will Order as many Men to proceed with You as are intended for the Working of the Batteaus, that You may send them to their Stations on Your

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Arrival at Oswego; You See that at every place where the Batteaus are Stationed there is a Post to defend them, and the Batteau Men will likewise be an Addition to the Strength of Each Post.

Mr. Lean is come, has given me Your Letter, which I will answer by him, I am,

Hble. Jeff: Amherst.

P.S. Pray Send me Sir Wm. Johnson's Demands which I returned to You; I have no Copy, and don't know the Officer's Names he returns Sick, from which I will give the Commissions according to his Recommendation & Send them to You. —

Brigr. Genl. Prideaux.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Ms. Genl. Amherst/ to Brigr. General Prideaux./ Datd. Albany May 29th. 1759./ No. 1./ Disposition of Batteaus & Batteaumen for/ keeping up a constant Supply of Provisions/ up the Mohawk River./ in Ms. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 76.

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Albany May 29th: 1759.

Dear Sir,

Capt: D'Arey has delivered me Your Letter of this days date, and when I Acknowledge this I am likewise to thank You for the One that Capt: M: Sear brought me, which I had not then time to Answer; he will have delivered to You the Exact Return of Provisions, and I hope will have Settled all Affairs You sent him on to Your Liking.

The two Officers Sir William Johnson re=commends shall have their Commissions, the mo=ment I know the Names of those who are not able to Serve, whom these Gentlemen are to Re=place; I Write to Sir William on this, and I Send him a Warrant for Three Thousand Pounds, it is so much Credit, Money I have not a Shilling left, all the other Demands Sir William has made, have been fully Supplied.

I Wish I had any Cash to Spare You for Your Workmen, they must Content themselves as Others are Obliged to do, all I can say, is they shall be paid, & so soon as there is Money to do it.

I Desired Col: Haldimand to Acquaint You that I Should be glad to leave Elements

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with You, as You seem to Wish he should Continue, if the Carpenters who agreed to go with Dyce will go willingly under Colours; To Effect this, I have Ordered Dyce to go to morrow morning to try what he can do.

I am glad You take on You to Send the Boats back to the Posts, Fort Stanwix inclusively, as You certainly will have Fifty to Spare; You therefore will take with You the Sixty Batteau Men for Oswego Falls, and Eighty Four Batteau Men for the further End of the Lake, as likewise the Fifty Four Rhode Island Troops for this side of the Lake, and the One hundred & four Jersey Troops for Fort Stanwix, who are the Batteau Men for those posts..

As Bradstreet knows the Ground better than any One here I have asked him how far a Post may be necessary between Fort Stanwix and the Lake, he Says Fort New port, which is almost within sight of Fort Stanwix, should be repaired for the protection of the Boats, that if any other Post is necessary, Canada Creek is the best place, You will best Judge of this, when You are on the Spot, and whatever You think right, I shall certainly Approve of.

The Company of Rangers will be of Service,

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and must Scout out from Fort Stanwix; As the Posts are Established and the Batteaus disposed, the Supply of Provisions, I think, is very sure, but in such a length of ground, no One can Say the Enemy can't break in; they certainly may take Occasions of Catch=ing some Careless People, but they will not come down there with a large Party, or can they Stop the Communication to hurt Us.

I Have told Col: Bradstreet, to give me the Names of the Batteau Officers who are to be at the Posts, I have mentioned that I may send them to You, but this I Shall not get till to morrow morning, so Shall not dis=patch this till I have them.

I am, &c^a - Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. I Have Sent Batteaus to the Half Moon this morning, More shall go tomorrow, Brad=street Swears You can't want them, but as they are demanded by Mr: Lean from You, they shall go; they shall be Carried across to the Ferry on the Mohawk River, to which place You must Send for them; I Tell Brad=street to Write fully to Mr: Lean about the Batteaus.

With these Batteaus that are now added,

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You must include those intended for Schenectady and the Falls to be taken from them; You will Order the Provincials, of those Posts, to take Charge of them accordingly.

If You Send the Men who remain at Schenectady and the Falls, for the Last Batteaus, that will not retard Your Motions.

I Leave Sir Wm. Johnson's Letter Open, Close it and Capt. Prescott will go on with it.

Brig: General Prideaux.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl: Amherst / to Brig: General Prideaux / Dat: Albany May 29th 1759. / No. 2. / further Information relative to the preparations / for the intended Enterprize against Niagara. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 77.

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Stillwater June 14th: 1759.

Dear Sir,

As every thing now is in Motion, and that the Enemy will of Course know of the Troops going up the Mohawk River, as well as to the Lake, I dont think it will be amiss that Sir William Johnson sends a proper Indian to Sweegatchie as if it was for Intelligence, and letting the Indian, at the same time, into the Secret of Seven or Eight Thousand Men at least, going directly up the Mohawk River for Caderaqui and Montreal, and that the Great Army is gone to Tienderoga; The Indian will tell all he is told as a Secret, and it will keep the Enemy at home, and hinder them Sending any thing over the Lake. All is going on well here; that Success may attend You, You will not doubt, are my Sincere Wishes.

I am,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Brig: General Prideaux.

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Extract of a Letter from Brig^r: General Prideaux to Major General Amherst Dated at Fort Stanwix 15th: June 1759 –

The Expedition with which things have been prosh'd over the Carrying Place, has an:=swer'd my Warmest wishes; this Morning the 44th: & 46th: Regiments March'd to take post on this Side the Lake, the Royal Americans at Canada Creek, and Some Provincials at Bulls Fort, in order to cover three hundred Batteaus, which are to Sett off for the Lake tomorrow Morning, as I Shall likewise, leav:=ing Col^o: Haldiman to hasten over the few that remain, by Sunday and Monday I in:=tend to Sett forward with the whole, and hope Soon to do myself the pleasure of ac:=quainting You, with both our Arrival at & depar:=ture from Oswego.

I Yesterday took'd at the 46th: Regim^t: on it's March, and think them a very fine Body of Men, & with them more in Number, The Yorkers begin to grow so very Weak; that I am apprehensive, a Reinforcement of Provincials will be Absolutely Necessary, if they could be Spar'd, to Accomplish the Works at the Diffrent

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Posts, particularly Oswego and this Fort, which wants more to be done to it, than I think the present Garrison, with the Ordinary Duties, can Accomplish.

The Demands for Tools are Endless and innu=merable, therefore wish what Supply can be Spar'd might be Sent directly, to forward things as much as Possible: In my Way here, I visited the Forts on this River, and find they want repairing much, as the Barracks don't Keep out the Weather.

As I hope our Toilfull part is now End=ed, which till I Saw I had no Idea of, this find it might be made much Easier by a little Art, I Shall push on the Main point, with all the Expedition in my Power, and I hope, to Your Satisfaction.

I Prideaux

His Excellency Genl. Amherst

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Brigr. Genl. Prideaux to / Major General Amherst / Dated at Fort Stanwix 15th June 1759 / His Ar=rival at Fort Stanwix; That the Expedition / with which Things have been pushd over that / Carrying Place has Answered his Warmest / Wishes, and that he hopes soon to Acqt. the Genl. / with both their Arrival at & departure from / Oswego / in Ma. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / Nr. 79.

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Extract of a Letter from Major Genl. Wolfe to Major General Amherst bearing date at Halifax 1st May 1759. ~

I am glad of this Opportunity to inform You of Our arrival, and in tolerable good order the length of Our passage consider'd. We were astonish'd to find Mr. Durelle at an Anchor; he demanded Troops to compleat his Squadron, which were given without loss of time; I send Carleton with the Rear Admirall, & have reinforc'd the first detachment, because it may be necessary to land upon some of the Islands in the River, & Mr. Durelle may think it right to push a Detachment of his Squadron up to the very bason of Quebec. Our four Battalions are at a very low ebb and I believe, if Mr. Murray Mr. Howe, & the other Gentlemen, had not taken more than com= =mon precaution, and been at more than ordinary Expence, & pains for the preservation of their Men, assisted by Mr. Russels Skill & diligence these Regiments would have been annihilated. Otways & Braggs, are still worse, as I am informid, So that You see Sir, what a numerous body of Men are here for the Conquest of Quebec. I believe they

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feel Stout, and so they had need, seeing there is not a Multitude. - Mr. Saunders made sev=
=eral Attempts to get into Louisburg, but there was such a Crust of Ice all along the Shore from Scatari to St. Esprit, that it was by no means safe to push in, nor, indeed pos=
=sible at that time. Our Ships are in gen=
=eral healthy. - I hope You have order'd Whit=
=more to give me the Company of Light Infantry, from his three Battalions, &c. The least loss in the River, or Sickness among the Men, reduces our Undertaking to little more than a diversion - & I can assure You, that I think we are very liable to Accidents. - It can't be doubted but that the French have thrown Suc=
=cours in, or will do it, before our Squad=
=ron gets to it's proper Station; The Harbour of Louisburg being as yet clos'd up - it is to be wish'd that any Troops coming from the Continent, or the Bay of Fundy within this Fortnight, might put into Halifax, & take the security of Mr. Saunders Con=
=voy to Louisburg.

I wish You health & Success - of the former I have but a small Share; of.

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the latter as little hope, unless we get into the River first: however trust me they shall feel Us.

If You would send even the small number of 300, Pioneers, it would be infinite relief to the Soldiers, because these (the Militia) could be constantly at Work having no other Occupation.

Here is a great Siege to be undertaken, & not a farthing to pay the Workmen - I am not possessed of a single Dollar of Publick Money; & yet, it is much a Question among the Military Men, whether, We shall not be obliged to fight first & besiege afterwards.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Ma.G. Wolfe/ to/ Major General Amherst/ Halifax 1st May 1759/ Acquainting the General with his Arrival;/ the state of the Troops, & Fleet; the Military/ Chest Empty; and desiring a reinforcemt/ of 300 Pioneers from the Provincials./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 80.

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Albany May 21st. 1759 ~

Dear Wolfe

If I Succeed, this will wait on You with three hundred good Pioneers, which I think will be of Service to You, and I therefore give up that Number, which ought Otherwise to Join me, and I Shall be very glad to want them, if You have them.

If my demands on this occasion, have not the Weight that I hope they will have, I can't help it; the difficulties of prevailing on any of the Governments to the Westward of Halifax, to go out of the Com:mon road, are great, but I'll try, as it will give me great pleasure, to do every thing that can be in my power to the ut:most of Your Wishes, And I Send Away Capt. Abercromby immediately with this, with a Letter (a Copy of which You have enclosed) to the Lieut. Governor, in hopes that he will, on my earnest Solicitations, be per:suaded it is for the good of His Majesty's Service, And Send them, without waiting for Provincial Authorities & Ceremonies, by which half the Campaign would be Over before they are resolved.

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Your Letter of the 1st of May, came to me late last Night, I am glad You are Safe arrived at Halifax, and am willing to believe Your health is no Otherwise not well, than from Your Passage, which I know, no more agrees with You than with me ~

I Expected Mr: Durell would have been out before the first of this Month, many Days, but if the Weather has been so Severe, to hinder our Ships from getting up the River St: Laurence, there is a certainty, that it would not be more favorable for the Enemy, who have a greater distance to come from to get up the River, and therefore, Should find more difficulties than we do, who ought to be better informed, than they can possibly be.

I have wrote You already, What I am doing, no Massachusetts, New hampshire, Yet arrived, 300 Connecticut are come, and all the New Yorkers, are as Soon Marched as Arrived; I doubt not but the Others will now Soon come in, And I fully intend, to do the most with them I can, I can't tell You exactly what I Shall do, as it must depend on Circumstances, as I

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find them, but You may be Assured, my point in View Shall be to distract the Enemy, & force them to give up one Avenue, which is Sufficient for us to take all Can=ada, or, if they will attempt to defend them=selves in every corner, I hope they will be disappointed in all, as they must be Weak every Where.

A detachment is gone & going to Niagara, as I wrote You word I Should Send one; I hope they'll come from thence to La Galette, I am preparing things for Lake George; I Shall have a diversion on the Right if I can, and try to make them Say Nous Sommes Coupés, by which I believe, Ticonderoga will be easily ours

I Send You enclosed, two Commissions, which I have waited for an Opportunity of Sending to Brigadier Murray. I have wrote every thing, in regard to Engineers, that I think you will desire, as You will See, when You receive my Several Letters.

The Company of Light Infantry, from the three Battalions to be left at Louisburg, to be of Your Army, I have not had the least Mention from England, but I am

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very well convinced, Brig: Gen: Whitmores Zeal for the good of His Majestys Service, is a Sufficient inducement to him to grant them to You, if he thinks the important Island of Cape Breton Sufficiently Secure, and I think so Small a Number can, at this time that the Enemys hands are full, be of no bad Consequence to give to You.

I am full of a thousand things that are going on here, but resolved not to lose a Moment, in trying to get You these Pioneers, as You interest Yourself so much on that point; I Shall rejoice if it has Success, and You may be Assured, I Shall at all times, Seize every Occasion that may offer, to prove myself-

Dear Wolfe &c-

Jeff: Amherst

Major General Wolfe

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Ma. Genl: Amherst/ To Ma. Genl: Wolfe/ Albany May 21st 1759-/ In Answer to M: Wolfes of the 1st; Acquainting/ him with the Application he had made for/ the 300 Pioneers; his hopes & Warmest Wishes/ that it might take place, and informing him/ of the proposed diver=sion to the Westward./ in Ma. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 81.

Copy

New York 27th April 1759.

Sir,

As I Set out to morrow for Albany, I am now to repeat to You my Desires that not a mo=ments Time may be lost in Sending Four Thous=and Tons of the English Transport Vessels to Halifax, which is the first Service I wish to have Executed, and I doubt not but You will think it right to Send a Man of War with those Transports to Halifax, with Orders to Con=voy them from thence to Louisbourg, so soon as the Troops are Embarked, and You will please to Order the Captain of the Man of War, to Assist in the Embarkation of the Troops, and to follow such Directions as he shall receive from Brig: General Lawrence, the Gov: of Nova Scotia, or from Brig: General Monckton, who has my Orders to Sail with the Troops from Halifax to the Rendezvous at Louisbourg.

The Regiment of Fraser being this day Embarked in the Transports here, and the Reg: of Lascelles I hope will be Embarked Tomorrow, there remain no more Troops to be sent from hence; Capt: Campbell is Ordered to take these two Regts directly to Louisbourg, under Convoy of the Nightingale and Lizard, and nothing can

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be wanted farther for the Regiments, Except that the Transports for Lascelles's should be found not to be Sufficient for the Numbers, in that Case You will please to Order of the English Transports what may be Wanted.

When the Four Thousand Tons of Trans=-ports are Sent to Halifax, to which Place Admt. Saunders acquaints me, by Letter of the 10th March, that he had Sent Two Trans=-ports and I imagine some more of the Fleet may drop in there, which Govr. Saurence has my Orders for keeping, there can be hardly any want of more Transports for the Em=-barkation of Four Regiments from thence, You will therefore please to give Your Orders that the English Transports, which may afterwards arrive here, shall proceed to Boston to take up some Whaleboats which have been Built there, for the Use of the Troops up the River St. Laurence, and I have given Directions to Capt. Loring to Send as many of the Seventy Whale boats in the Thirteen Transports & Forty Schooners which have Sailed from Boston as could be conveniently taken, but as those Vessels have been filled with the Artillery and Troops, I imagine they can have taken but very few,

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and I acquainted Capt. Loring I would Send Empty Transports for them, which must proceed directly from thence to Louisbourg.

If Transports should so arrive here that You can Send 5 or 6000 Tons to Halifax in=stead of 4000, I would be glad You would do it, but on no Account to lose any time in waiting for them.

You will best judge of the Number of Transports likely to come into this Port; many of those from England, I Suppose, may be drove to Louisbourg, Halifax or Boston, and not ar=rive here, and as Admrl. Saunders informs me, by his Letter, that the Scarborough, Zephyr, & Hunter are Ordered to New York, to assist in the Service of Embarking the Troops, &c, I think, after You have Sent the Transports to Halifax, You may remain some few days here, and Order any Others that may come in here, but that the first of those Ships should take Boston in the way to convoy the Transports with the Whaleboats, & proceed=ing Yourself to Louisbourg directly, unless You think it best to convoy the Transports that may be going to Boston.

I imagine the Artillery and Webb's Regt.

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will be Sailed from Boston by this time, and I sent directions to Capt: Bond in the Kind to convoy them to Louisbourg; I Don't recollect any thing else that is necessary. I most Sincerely Wish You a safe & Successfull Voyage, and am,

Yrs.

Jeff: Amherst.

Capt: Schomberg.

Endorsed Copy Letter from M. Genl: Amherst/ to Capt: Schomberg of yr: Diana/ Datd: New York April 27th: 1759./ Instructions relative to the Embarkation of/ at New York, upon the Genls departure for/Albany; as also, with respect to the Transports/that might arrive there from England, after he/should be gone./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 82.

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New York 28th: April 1759.

Sir,

Enclosed I send You an Extract of my Letter to Govr: Pownall of the 23d: March, relative to the Reviewing Subsisting & Marching of the Massachusets Forces to the place of Rendezvous at Albany; As Also a Copy of my Letter of this date to Coll: Ruggles, in Answer to One I received from him late last night, Acquainting me with those Troops being Rendezvous'd in the Counties of Worcester & Hampshire, ever since the 12th: Instant, which I knew nothing of before, in Consequence of both which Letters I have Wrote to Coll: Jarvis at Boston, who long since had directions to form the necessary Magazines of Provisions at Worcester & Springfield, which I make no doubt has been done, to, if he had not already, Send the proper Persons to those Places for to Issue those Provisions according to Your Directions, which they are to follow & Obey in Every respect, and I have likewise recommended it to Coll: Jarvis, that if at any time You should stand in need of his Aid & Assistance, or have Occasion to Apply to him, that upon such Application

he would grant You the same, Copy of which Letter You likewise have herewith for Your further Information: And as all those Papers are very full & Explicite I shall only add, that I have made Choice of You for Carrying them into Execution, for which purpose You will imme=diately upon Receipt hereof, Set out for Worcester, where You will do every thing that is needfull, agreable to the Extract of my Letter to Gov.r Pownall, and as I have appointed Lieut. Small of the Royal Highland Regiment to Assist You in that Service, You will accordingly Send him to Spring=field with Instructions to Execute that part of this Service allotted to him, as You will See by said Letter to the Governor; After which there remains nothing but to furnish You with Money towards Payment of the Billeting, the Exact Account of which not being able to Ascertain, I Enclose You on Acco.t of that Service a Warrant on the Dep.: Paym.r Gen.l for £1750 Sterling, which, or such Part thereof as shall appear to You to be due, You will Pay to said Col.o Ruggles upon his produc=ing You a Muster Roll, according to the Annexed Form and proper & Usual Attestations

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of the Men Named therein; Of all which You will keep an Exact Account to be delivered to me, upon Your Arrival at Head Quarters; And as I have desired Govr: Fournall to Col:-lect and Send with those Troops as many Arms as could be found within his Province, You will also keep an Exact Account of such Numbers as they shall bring with them, and the State You find them in, that You may report to me accordingly.

I am,

Sir

Jeff: Amherst.

Capt: Wheelock

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Endorsed Copy Letter from/ Ma. General Amherst/ to Capt: Wheelock/ Dat^d. New York April 28th. 1759./ Containing Instructions for Mustering the/ Massachus:-setts Forces & Paying them their/ provision Money./ in Ma. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N°. 83.

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Albany 10th May 1759~

Sir/

Having at the Request of the province of Newhampshire, to Save their Troops a long and fatiguing March, permitted that they Should come by Water, consequently I did not Include them in the Instructions I gave You for Mustering the Massachusetts Forces; But the post having this Moment brought me a Letter from Govr: Wentworth (of which I enclose You a Copy) Acquainting me that the Assembly had de: =clined accepting my Permission, and had come to a Resolution to march those Troops by Land to Worcester, in Order there to re: =ceive the Necessaries Allowed to the rest of the Provincial Troops, and like them to be moved forward to the place of Rendezvous; And as I am in hopes that they, or part of them may be at Worcester by the time this reaches You, These are to direct You to Observe in regard to the Newhampshire Forces, the Same Instructions You received for the Massachusetts, as they are all to be upon one & the Same Footing in every Respect.

I Trust that upon Your Arrival at Worcester You met with Colo: Ruggles's People &

that they are on their Road hither, with, all possible dispatch which I Shall be glad to learn, as no time must be lost in forward-ing them hither, the Season for Commencing the intended Operations advanceing fast, You will therefore of Course remind Govr Wentworth, by Letter, to use all His Endeavours to Set his Troops in Motion that You may be Able to Proceed with them here without delay.

I am Sir &c.

Jeff^y Amherst

Capt. Wheelock

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl Amherst / to Capt-ain Wheelock / Albany 10th May 1759 / Orders to Muster the Newhampshire Troops at / Worcester & pay them their billetting Money. / in M.G. Am-herst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 84.

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New York, April 28th 1759.

Sir,

Having received Advice (only late last Night) from Colo. Ruggles who Commands the Massa:-chuset's Forces, that they were Rendezvous'd at the Counties of Worcester & Hampshire ever since the 12th Instant, which I knew nothing of before his Letter, I am in hopes that the Directions You received here, to form Maga:-zines of Provisions at Worcester & Spring:-field for those Troops, have been Executed, and that You have Sent proper Persons to Each of those Places for the delivery of those Provisions, but in Case they have not yet been sent there, You will immediately upon Receipt hereof, Order such Persons to those Places as You shall think necessary for that purpose, with Directions to them to Apply to Capt: Wheelock at Worcester & Lieut Small at Springfield (whom I have appointed for that Service) for what further Orders they may stand in need of; And You Yourself upon any Application from Capt: Wheelock relative thereto, will Comply with the same, and give him all the Aid and Assistance he may require.

I am, &c. Jeff: Amherst

Colo: Jarvis.

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Copy

Albany May 21st. 1759 ~

Sir

These are to acquaint You, that, of the New Raised Men of the Massachusetts, I have desired Lieut Gov: Hutchinson, to cause three hundred to be Embarked immediately, and have given Orders to M: Hancock to provide a Sufficient Number of Sloops to Transport them to Louisburg, so that Noth=ing further is wanted than Victualling of those Men for the Passage, which upon Ap=plication of Capt. Abercromby, my Aid de Camp, You will do, without loss of Time, And that the Said Men may not wait two hours for their Victualling which is to be laid in in the same manner as You have Victualled the Troops that are already departed.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst

Col: Jarvis

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to Col: Jarvis in Boston./ Albany May 21st. 1759/ Orders for immediately Victualling the Transports/ that are to carry the 300 of the new Levies of the/ Massachusetts to Louisburg./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N: 86.

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New York, 22d: April 1759.

Sir,

As I am hopefull that before this can reach You, every thing that You were Ordered to prepare for the Embarkation at Boston, will have been ready, and the Ships have Sailed for their Destination, which will render Your Presence at Boston no longer necessary; And as Your Assistance here becomes every day more & more requisite, You will, immediately upon Receipt hereof, Set out and proceed to this Place; And if I should be gone, as it is most likely I shall, before Your Arrival, since I propose setting out for Albany in a very few days, Apply to Brigr: Genl: Prideaux, with whom I shall leave Directions for Your future Guidance, which You will Observe and follow in the same manner as if they came from me: Observing nevertheless, that You are not to leave Boston till such time as the Embarkation there is entirely Compleated, or that Coll: Burton signifies to You, that he has no further Occasion for Your Services there.

I am,

Sr.

Capt: Loring.

Jeff: Amherst.

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Albany 13th May 1759~

Sir

As I am Willing to think, that I shall have Occasion for two Brigs for the Navigation of Lake Champlain, and that I am desirous of being timely provided with proper Rigging for them against it may be found Practicable to build and fit them out, I do now in Expectation that You may be Arrived at New York by the Time this reaches it (which I have reason to hope for from the Contents of Your Letter of the 30th April) desire that immediately upon the receipt hereof, You will make Choice of & purchase a proper set of Rig:=ging for such a Brig as You shall think the best Calculated for the Navigation of Lake Champlain & the Services Consequent thereto, which You will take care to get at the Best hand, and at as Cheap a rate as possible, observing to Agree, that if there Should be no Occasion for Such Rigging, the owner Shall take the same back upon being al:=lowed Some Small Profit for the loss of the Sale of it. I Order only one Sett of Rigging, because I under Stand You have one Set in Store: and I do not limit the

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burthen nor the dimentions of the Brig, be=
=cause from Your Experience and knowledge of
the place where they are to be Employed,
You must be the best Judge of what burthen
& Strength they Ought to be, I am told that
Vessells from 120 to 130 Tuns are the Proper
Ones for the Lake. I have therefore only to
add that You will lose no time in pro=
=curing the said Rigging that immediately
after, You may Set out for and Proceed to
this Place or wherever Head Quarters May be,
as Your Service is and will become daily
more & more wanted.

This goes under Cover of the L^d: Gover=
=nors that it may reach You with more
certainty.

I am &c^a

Jeff: Amherst

Capt. Loring

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to
Capt Joshua Loring/ Albany 13th: May 1759-/ Or=
=ders to purchase rigging &c^a for a Brig./ in M^r.
G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N°. 88.

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Albany 19th: May 1759.

Sir,

In Hopes that You would have been set out for New York, I Wrote to You there on the 13th: Instant, under Cover of Lt: Govr: De Lancey, but as I find by Your Letter of the same date that You were then still at Boston, Settling Your Accounts relative to the late Embarkation, for which You desire a further Credit on Mr: Wheelwright; And as the Instructions Contained in my above men:-tioned Letter, as well as the Service here, requires Your speedy Presence, You will im:-mediately upon receipt hereof, if it should meet You at Boston, set out for & repair with all possible Dispatch to New York, leaving Your Accounts with Mr: Wheelwright to Settle with the Persons concernd therein, after which he may transmit them to Mr: Apthorp, his Partner, who will finish the whole with Mr: Mortier. Upon Your Arrival at New York, You will Execute the Orders You will find there, and agreable thereto, lose no time in Coming here.

Since the Receipt of Yours I have One of the 15th: from Lt: Govr: Hutchinson Acquaint:-

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=ing me with the Men of War & Transports having Sailed in the forenoon of that day with a Brisk Gale at South West, which makes me hope that they will have a quick & safe passage.

My Instructions to You, in my Letter of the 13th are to purchase a compleat Sett of Rigging for a Brig of 120 or 130 Tons Burthen, a couple of which I propose Building for the Navigation of Lake Champlain so soon as I see Occasion; And in that case, We shall want a couple of Masters to Command them, I would have You either at Boston or New York, look out for a couple of fit Persons for that purpose on whom I may rely, for their Activity, Skill and Courage; but as I would not have those Persons Engaged for that Service 'till such time as I may want them, I only give You the hint that You may cast about You, and See if any of them would chuse to be Employed, and Engage so far as to be ready upon the first Notice that should be sent them hereafter, in all which You will Act with proper Secrecy and Discretion. — I am, &c.

Capt. Loring

Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from M.Gen. Amherst / to Capt. Loring / Dat. Albany May 19th. 1759. / In answer to his of the 13th. from Boston / directing / him if still there upon the receipt of this Letter / immed. diately to set out for New York & Execute / the Gen.l Orders of the 13th. repeated in this / in M.G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 89.

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Copy

Albany 22d: May 1759.

Sir ~

Besides the two Briggs which I Men:
=tioned to You in mine of the 13th: I intend
building two Snows, Capable of Mounting Eigh:
=teen Six Pounders for Other uses; And as the
Building of these Several Vessells will require
a Number of Ship Carpenters more than are
already Employed here; These are to direct You,
immediately upon Receipt hereof to Engage Seventy
good ones, which I propose to divide into two
Companies wherefore it will also be Necessary
to have a good Overseer to Each of Said Com:
=panies, which You will likewise Engage, the
whole upon the Conditions, and at the Seve:
=ral Prices that was allowed to the Same
Kind of Artificers last Year, unless they can
be procured Cheaper, in which You will do
Your utmost for the good of the Service,
and the Saving of the Public Money, and
these Carpenters are to go wheresoever His Ma:
=jesty's Service may require them, without any
Engagements with them to go to particular Places.

You will also take care to purchase at
as Cheap a Rate as possible what Rigging
and Other Materials You think Necessary
(&c.)

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for Rigging out and Equipping both the said Snows, which Necessaries You will Order to be forwarded to this place without loss of time, & come up Your Self so Soon as these Orders are Executed, which must not meet with any Delay.

I am &c.a

Jeff.: Amherst

Capt. Loring

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / to Capt. Joshua Loring ~ / Albany 22d. April 1759 / Orders to Engage 70 Ship Carpenters & Two Overseers / and to purchase rigging &c.a for Two Snows ~ / in M.r G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 90.

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Albany 10th. May 1759.

Sir

As Fort Stanwix will be the Deposit for provisions that may be Necessary for the Service to the Westward, and that I do not know how Soon I may have Oc=casion for a (qu) large Quantity there, and that I must Supply that Post with five thousand Barrels, and that I Shall cer=tainly want a larger Quantity hereafter (which Intelligence is for Yourself only) I must recommend it to You not to lose any time in giving your Directions to Your Agents at New York or Elsewhere, to Send up as large a quantity as possibly they can Collect, in Order that We may be Able to send up to Fort Stan=wix what further quantity of Provisions may be requisite there, independent of what is Necessary here, and at Lake George, or beyond it.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst

Christopher Kilby Esqr:

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl: Amherst/ to Christopher Kilby Esqr:/ Albany 10th. May 1759/ Orders for Laying in a large Quantity of Provisions/ for the use of the Troops up the Mohawk river/ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759./ Nº. 91.

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Albany 30th May 1759.

Sir,

As You have acquainted me that the Milit-
-tary Chest is quite exhausted, and as there are
still considerable Debts outstanding for the Pay
of Artificers, Batteau Men, Waggoners, Ox Team
Drivers, Carpenters, &ca; for Materials and Stores
provided for the Building of the Waggons, Carts
& Batteaus; And for Horses, Draught Oxen, & Live
Cattle for the Troops, besides numbers of other things
purchased or Contracted for to carry on the Oper-
-ations of this Campaign; for all which daily &
pressing Demands are made on me, as the Per-
-sons that have been so employed, and those
that have agreed to furnish and provide the
above mentioned things, cannot keep to their
Contracts unless they now receive what is due
to them, in order to enable them to provide
what remains to be delivered; The Efforts of
which would be of the utmost bad Consequence,
as it must necessarily retard the intended Ope-
-ations, and the Success of His Majesty's Arms;
to provide against which, I must again re-
-commend it to You to renew in the most
strongest terms, Your Application to the Con-
-tractors Agents at New York, for as large

a Supply of Money as they possibly can collect, representing to them, at the same time, the absolute necessity there is for their Exerting themselves to the Utmost upon this Occasion, and that therefore they do, without loss of time, inform You of what money they at present have in their hands, what they are certain they can within a short time collect, and whether they have any visible prospect of any, and what Supply shortly coming out from England; that upon their Answer I may take my Measures accordingly, and make application to the Province of New York for a Loan of £100,000, which method if they (the Contractor's Agents) cannot themselves furnish me with, I must undoubtedly have recourse to, as the only means left to Enable me to Carry on the intended Operations with the necessary Vigor and Dispatch.

I am &c.

Jeffy: Amherst.

Abraham Mortier Esqr: Dep: Paymr: Genl:

Endorsed Copy Letter from Ml. General Amherst to Abraham Mortier Esqr: D.M.G. Dated Albany May 30th. 1759. Observing that as the Military Chest is quite Exhausted & considerable demands daily made for the preparations of the Campaign, this day Mr. should apply to the Contractors Agents to supply the same, & to know from them how soon & what provision they could make, as otherwise it would be incumbent on the Genl. to ask a Loan of £100,000 of the Province of New York in Ml. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No. 92.

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Albany 1st June 1759 -

Sir

Mr. Secretary Pitt having Signified to me His Majestys pleasure that I Should direct Gover:-nor Ellis to Establish & keep on foot the Troop of Rangers raised in 1756 for the defence & protection of the Colony of Georgia, And that I Should also Acquaint Governor Ellis in what manner he is to draw for the Expences attending this Service. I have in Obedience to those Commands, this day, wrote to Governor Ellis that he should Establish & keep on foot the above Troop of Rang:-ers to Consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants one quarter master & forty Men, upon the following Establishment Viz: Captain £10..10. first Lieutenant £6 - Second Lieutenant £5. quarter Master £3 and £2 for each Man, the whole per month & Sterling Money; And that in Order to enable him to defray the Expence thereof, he Should draw upon You Quarterly for the pay of the Officers & Men of the said Troop According to the above Estab:-lishment, to Commence the 18th day of May last, observing that every time he Should so draw on You, he must transmit You the proper pay Bills attested before a Magis:-trate & Supported by the Captains Receipt, in

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the Same manner as he had heretofore done, when he had a Credit on You from the Earl of Loudoun for the like Service You will therefore do due honor & pay all such Bills as Govr Ellis Shall draw upon You, as above, taking care that they do not Exceed the above Establishment, and that those Bills be accompanied with the before mentioned Necessary Vouchers. –

Governor Ellis having represented to me that the Credit given by the Earl of Loudoun had only Suffised to pay that Troop of Rangers up to the 18th of May 1758 and that he had ever Since Subsisted them upon his own Credit I have for his reimbursment likewise Authorized him to draw on You for the pay of the Officers & forty Men of the Said Troop of Rangers from the Said 18th of May 1758 to the 17th of May 1759 inclusive According to the Above Establishment and have also Cautioned him to Send along with the Bills he Shall so draw the requisite pay Bills & Vouchers in like man= =ner as before directed; wherefore, upon receipt of these Vouchers, and Govr Ellis's Bills for the Amount of them being presented to You, You will likewise do due honor to and pay them

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charging both in Your Account with the Publick, under the Article of Extraordinary Expences of His Majestys Forces under my Command and for so doing this Shall be Your Sufficient Warrant and Authority.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Abraham Mortier Esq:

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to Abraham Mortier Esq:/ Albany 1st: June 1759./ directing him to do honor to & pay such bills as/ should be drawn upon him by Govr: Ellis of Georgia/ for the pay of a Troop of Rangers from the 18th: May/ 1758 to the 17th: May 1759 as also such bills as/ he should from thenceforth draw upon him/ quarterly for the above Service./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No: 93.

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Extract of a Letter from Abraham Mortier Esqr: Depy: Paymr: Genl. to John Appy Esqr: Dated at Albany 7th June 1759.

I Have by this Post received a Letter from Mr: Apthorp, in answer to Mine of the 21st: past Wrote him by the General's Directions, I Enclose You an Extract of what relates thereto, and as he Acquaints me he Writes to the General by this Post, and will inform him of his Situation, presume he has there=fore been more particular.

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Endorsed Extract of a Letter from/ Abraham Mortier Esqr: D. P. M. G./ To John Appy Esqr:/ Dat: Albany June 7th: 1759./ Accompanying an Ex=tract of Mr: Apthorps Letter to/ him of the 4th: June, in answer to the one he wrote/ him by the Genl: directions for a Supply of Money./ sig=nifying that he could not comply therewith/ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No: 94.

Copy Extract of a Letter from Mr. Apthorp to Mr. Mortier, D. S. P. M. G. Dated New York 2d. June 1759.

I Have Your favours of the 27th. 28th. & 31st. Ultimo with the Letters and Receipts Enclosed, which all agree in the Article of Money, but as I have heard nothing more of the Contractors I can give You no further information as to what Assistance is to be Expected from them, than You had before You left this, and I therefore think it absolutely necessary that the General's Scheme of borrowing Money of the Pro= =vince should be immediately Put in Exe= =cution, for though I have at least Fifty Thous= =and Pounds Sterling due to me from the Merchants, I Cannot Command One, and I must therefore desire You will Avoid draw= =ing for the £10,000 or £12.000, You mention in part of Coll. Bradstreet's Demands as much as possible, and as fast as I can possibly Collect the Money it shall be Sent You, which is all I can do in the present distressed Situation of Affairs. I Shall have Occasion to Write the General by this Post, and shall Inform him of Our Situation.

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Endorsed Copy/ Extract of a Letter from/ Mr. Apthorp to Mr. Mortier/ Dated New York 14th June 1759/ (Enclosed in Mr. Mortier's to Mr. Appy of / the 7th June)/ Setting forth that he could not furnish the requisite/ Supply, & therefore advises that the Genl. should/ borrow./ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No. 95.

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Camp at Fort Edward 8th June 1759.

Sir

Mr. Appy has laid before me Your Letter of Yesterday, together with the Extract of one You received from Mr. Apthorp, in Consequence of Mine to You of the 30th Ultimo, by which, as well as by the Letter he has wrote to me on the Same Subject, it plainly appears, that we are not to depend on him at present for the considerable Supplies we Stand in Need of to Answer the Many and large Demands that are daily made, and which ought to be paid, wherefore, Agreable to Mine of the 30th of last Month, I have this day wrote to the Lieut. Governor of New York, desiring he would move his Council & Assembly to grant the Crown a Loan of £50,000 New York Currency, by Bills of that Province, redeemable in a twelve month after their date, as a Security for which, I propose to him that You Should draw bills of Exchange on the Treasury; and that I Should advise them of the Necessity of that Measure which I did not doubt, but would be approved of and Your Bills be duly paid, Particularly, as by one of the Articles of Your Instructions,

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You were (in Case the Contractors Agents could not furnish You with the Necessary Supplies of Money for Carrying on the Service) Authorized with the Consent and Approbation of the Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw upon the Treasury.

I have rather chose this method than that propos'd by Mr. Apthorp of his finding Securities for that Loan, Since in that Case the Money must be paid into his hands, and his principal be entitled to Two per Cent. Commission, besides one per Cent to himself for paying it over to You, a very considerable Expence which I can by this means Save to the Publick, without any the least additional trouble, as by Your receiving it from the Province or from Mr. Apthorp is one and the Same thing; but this last Circumstance I have Not Mentioned to Mr. Apthorp, to whom I have only said that I had made the Application & proposed You Should draw upon the Treasury for the Money.

As Soon as Capt. Loring has finished his business at York I Shall call for his Accounts that the regular Warrants May

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be drawn out & You have the proper Vou:
=chers for the Money he Shall have re:
=ceived by Virtue of the Credit I order'd
him.

If the province of New-York comply with my request, Your presence will certainly be Necessary there to hasten Matters to a Conclusion it will be proper therefore that You set out as Soon as You see Occasion leaving Your Clerk at Albany to transact Such business relative to Your department as may occur in Your Absence and remitting him from time to time what Money Shall come to Your hands to enable him as far as in him lays to carry on the Same.

I am &c.

Jeff: Amherst

Abraham Mortier Esqr:

Endorsed Copy/Letter from Genl: Amherst/ to Abraham Mortier Esqr:/ Dep: Paymaster General/ Camp at Fort Ed:
=ward 8th June 1759/ Acquainting him that as Mr: Apthorp could not/ furnish him with the necessary Supplies, the Genl:/ had made application to the Lieut: Govr for a Loan/ of £150,000, with the terms upon which he had/ asked it/ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ No: 96.

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New York 4 June 1759.

Sir

I had the honor to receive Your Excellency's Letter of 30th. May, in relation to two Warrants to be paid at Halifax, for which I shall take care to proride by Sending the Money from Boston, as I do not Suppose there can be any Money on hand there - I Shall also proride One thousand Pounds for Capt. Loring agreable to Your Directions, but as I have heard nothing further in relation to the Money I expected would before this time have ar= =rived from England, & the Subsistance will Soon become due, I must beg leave to inform Your Excellency that it will not be in my Power to Supply any considerable Sum, Soon, unless Some Expedient be found to Pro= =cure it. - I now have no Money by me, as it is drawn from me as fast as I can Collect it, nor have I any dependance upon raising any great Matter, but from England. wherefore as I find by Your Letter of 30th. Ul= =timo to Mr. Mortier, that large Demands are daily & pressingly made, I am reduced to the Necessity of laying my Situation be= =fore Your Excellency & of desiring that You will

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be pleased to take Such measures as you may think best, to procure the Necessary Supplys of Money for the Service.

I have Already borrowed, Sixteen thous: -and pounds of this Government, which was all they had, wherefore Should Your Excellency think proper to demand a Loan from them, the Sooner it is made the better, as it will be Some time before they will be Able to Supply it, the Money being to be printed, & Other Necessary Matters to be Settled, & as the Service is every where in great Distress. if Your Excellency Should think proper to demand one hundred and Fifty thousand Pounds Currency, it would be extreamely use: -full, as it would forward the Service to the Southward. where they are much in want, & have faild in their Application to the Gov: -ernment of Pensylvania for a Loan and I think I could procure them Sufficient Security among the Inhabitants of this City, for that Sum. —

I hope Your Excellency is so well con: -vinced, that every thing Possible, has been done to procure Money, & that Neither the Con: -tractors nor I have been faulty; as to

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make an apology for this Application, needless, & I shall therefore only beg leave to Assure You that I Shall continue my best Endeavours for the good of the Service, And that I am very respectfully.

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and

most Humble Servant

Colo Wm Arthorp -

His Excellency Genl. Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter, Colo Wm. Arthorp Esqr. / to Major Genl. Amherst / New York 14th. June 1759. / In consequence of the Genl. Letter of the 30th. May to the / d. f. M. G. directing him to renew his application to / the Contractors Agents for a Supply of Money; which / Mr. Arthorp says he cannot procure, & therefore desires / the General would take measures accordingly. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / N°. 97.

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Camp at Fort Edward 8th June 1759.

Sir

In Consequence of Your Letter of the 4th Instant (this day received) Setting forth, that You had heard nothing further in re=-lation to the money You Expected would be=-fore that time have Arrived from England; that it would not be in Your Power to Sup=-ply any considerable Sum soon, unless Some Expedient be found to Procure it; And that You had then no Money by You, nor had any dependance upon raising any great Mat=-ter but from England; wherefore, as You found, by my Letter of 30th Ultimo to Mr. Mortier, that large demands were daily and Pressingly made, You was reduced to the Ne=-cessity of laying Your Situation before me & of desiring that I would take Such Measures as I might think best to procure the Ne=-cessary Supplies of money for the Service. I have, under these distressed Circumstances, that the Service might not Suffer, this day made application to Lieut. Governor De Lancey, to recommend to His Council & Assembly the granting a Loan of £150,000 New York Currency, in bills of that province, redeemable in a

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twelve month after their date, and for their security have offer'd him bills of Exchange on the Treasury to be drawn by Mr: Mortier, which I am hopefull will be complied with; Meanwhile I am Convinced that You will use Your best endeavours to Collect whatever Money You can for carrying on the Service, which I must particularly recommend to You, And at the same time I must not forget my approbation of Your Care to provide for the two Warrants payable at Halifax & the thousand Pounds for Capt. Loring.

I am &c ~

(Sec.)

Charles Ward Apthorp Esqr:

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Mr. Genl. Amherst/ To Charles Ward Apthorp Esqr:/ Fort Edward 9th June 1759./ In Answer to Mr: Apthorp of the 1st Inst. acquaint.g/ him with having made Application to the Lieut.t/ Govr: of New York for a Loan of £150,000./ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No: 95.

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Copie./ a Quebec le 24. May 1759./

Monsieur,

Jai L'honneur d'informer Votre Excellence que M^r. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil & Moi Venons de re=
=cevoir des Ordres du Roy notre Maitre de tenir la Main à L'execution du Traité d'Echange pour les Prisonniers fait à L'Ecluse le 6 fevrier 1759. au nom de leurs Majestés Très Chretienne et Britannique pour etre Executé selon sa forme et teneur dans quelque partie du Monde que les Armées Belligerentes ou Auxiliaires des deux Nations se trouvent. Je ne doute pas que Votre Excellence n'ait reçû les mêmes Ordres, Aussi suis je prêt de m'y conformer et de vous envoyer en Consequence Tous les Prisonniers qui nous restent pourvû que Votre Excellence veuille de son Côté en agir de même comme J'en reste per=
=suadé; M^r. de Bourlamaque Brigadier Commandant un Corps de Troupes sur la frontiere du Lac St Sacrement est chargé de vous faire passer ma dépêche. Sur Votre reponse d'Acceptation, Je lui ferai passer tous les Prisonniers Anglois pour les Echanger au Fort de Sydius avec les Notres grade à grade Et pour le Surplus se conformer au dit Cartel.

Je saisis avec Empressement cette premiere occasion d'assurer Votre Excellence de la haute Consideration avec laquelle J'ai l'honneur d'etre. Monsieur,

Votre très humble & très Obeissant

Serviteur. Montcalm.

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Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Mo^r: Montealm/ to
Major General Amherst./ Quebec 24th May 1759./ pro:
:posal of an Exchange of Prisoners/ agreable to the
last Cartel./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759./
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du Camp sous Fort Edouard ce 17e. Juin 1759.

Monsieur,

La Lettre que votre Excellence m'a faite l'hon:
=neur de m'ecrire le 2e May, ne fait que de me parvenir dans l'instant par le Sr. Cotte, Major de Milice, que j'aurois renvoyé sur le Champ, si l'humanité n'exigeoit pas de lui donner cette Nuit, pour se remettre du mauvais tems qu'il a essuié dans son trajét, ainsi il ne repartira que demain au jour.

Sur cette occasion, j'ai l'honneur d'envoyer à votre Excellence, un Exemplaire du Traité d'E=
=change dont Elle fait mention, et de l'assurer en même tems, combien il m'est agréable que ses Ordres et les miens soient si conformes, pour tenir la main à son Execution: — Il ne me reste donc qu'a la prier de vouloir bien croire que, de mon côté, je ne manquerai pas de la remplir dans toute sa teneur dés que j'en aurès le pouvoir; mais pour cette fin, je me trouverai absolument obligé d'ecrire à la Nouvelle York, pour m'in=
=former de l'Etât et du nombre de vos Prison=
=niers, et donner les Ordres necessaires pour les faire approcher des Frontieres, ce qui ne peut manquer de prendre quelques tems; mais dés que celà se peut, votre Excellence peut être persuadée

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que, Je me ferés un vrai plaisir de n'etre pas en arriere avec Elle, et qu'il ne dependra pas de moy, que le Cartel ne sorte son entier Effet.

Je Joins icy quelques Lettres de vos Mes-sieurs, qu'ils m'ont prié de vous faire passer par la premiere occasion; parmi elles, il y en a une pour votre Excellence, de la part de M. Bonneau, à qui J'ai fait tenir deux cent Livres Sterlings qu'il m'avoit demandé, pour lesquels il a pris la liberté de tirer sur votre Excellence en faveur du Major Grant: - Comme cet Officier, pendant sa détention, a dû avoir occasion de faire des Emprunts, Je lui remets cette Lettre de Change pour les rembourser; Si elle ne suffit pas, Je vous Prie de vouloir lui faire procurer ce qu'il pourra avoir besoin de plus, et J'aurai soin de le faire rembourser de la même façon, attendu que M. Bonneau, depuis mon départ, m'a fait demander un autre Credit que Je lui ai donné.

La Lettre addressée à Mad.e Dean, ne m'est parvenüe que depuis quelques Jours, très fortement recommandée par M. son Mari; Il est inutile d'y ajouter la mienne, ne doutant pas que, votre Excellence sera Charmée de l'occasion de procurer

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à cette Dame, la Satisfaction d'une missive aussi interessante: Mais celle pour Mr. le Major Grant, toute ouverte, je prends la liberté de vous re=commander particulierement.

Je ne puis pas non plus me refuser, de vous envoyer Copie de l'Ordre que j'ai donné à mes Irreguliers et Sauvages, persuadé que, les Senti=ments de votre Excellence y sont conformes, et qu'Elle se fera un plaisir d'y correspondre. Les voici.

"Qu'aucunes parties qui vont en Course, "ou Quelqu'autres que ce soit sous mes Ordres, "dans quelques occasions que ce puissent être, ne "leveront de Chevelures aux Femmes ni aux "Enfants de l'Ennemi; S'ils ne trouvent pas les "emmener Prisonniers, Ils les laisseront sans "leur faire du Mal; attendû que, si l'Ennemi "en Agit autrement, et qu'ils tuent ou enlevent "la Chevelure aux Femmes ou aux Enfants, Sujets "du Roy, je suis déterminé de m'en Venger, par la "Mort de deux hommes de l'Ennemi, pour chaque "Femme ou Enfant qu'ils auront ainsi tué, ou "dont Ils auront enlevé la Chevelure, et celà, "dès la premiere fois que j'en aurés l'occasion".

Je saisi, avec le même Empressement que votre Excellence, cette premiere occasion

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de t'assurer, de la haute Consideration avec laquelle
J'ai t'honneur d'etre,

Monsieur,

Votre trés Humble & trés

Obeissant Serviteur.

S. E. M. Le M.is de Montealm Marechal des Camps
& Armées de S. M. T. C. en Canada. à Quebec.

Endorsed To the Marquis de Montealm/Camp at Fort Edward 17.th June 1759./ In Answer to his of the 24.th May, and Enclosing/ the Order against Scalp:=ing Women and/ Children./ in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N.o 100.

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Au Camp sous Carillon Le 10 Juin 1759.

Monsieur,

M. Le Marquis de Montcalm m'ayant ordonné de faire passer a Votre Excellence la Lettre ci jointe, j'ai detaché un Officier des Milices du Canada avec un Tambour et quatre Miliciens pour en être le porteur.

Quoique je ne doute pas que Votre Excellence n'ait receu de La Cour le Traité pour l'Echange des Prisonniers dont le Marquis de Montcalm propose l'Execution, j'ai crû neanmoins devoir lui en envoier un Exemplaire. Je Joins aussi a cette depeche deux Lettres qui m'ont été envoyées de Quebec.

Votre Excellence est sans doute instruite qu'il est resté au Fort Edouard un Soldat François du Regiment de Guienne nommé Parisien. Le Soldat etoit du nombre des vingt cinq hommes qui accompagnoient le S^r. Wolff Lieutenant, Le 10. 9bre 1758. lors qu'il fut detaché pour conduire au Fort Edouard Les Prisonniers Anglois Echangés contre la Garnison du Fort Frontenac. Il resta Malade et ne put revenir.

Si ce Soldat est prés de Votre Excellence, Je la supplie de me le renvoier par le retour de ceux qui portent cette depeche, et S'il est

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dans quel qu'autre partie de la nouvelle Angleterre, J'Espere qu'elle voudra bien donner ses Ordres pour qu'il se rapproche de la frontiere et qu'elle me le renvoyra à la premiere occasion.

J'Espere aussi que vôtre Excellence me retiendra Le porteur de cette Lettre et ceux qui l'accompagnent que le tems qui sera abso: lument necessaire pour Expedier sa réponse.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec une respectueuse consideration.

Monsieur,

Votre tres humble et très Obeissant Serviteur

Bourlamaque.

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Mo: Bourlamaque / Commanding the French Troops at Tianderoga / to Major General Amherst. / Carillon 10 June 1759. / Accompanying Mo: Montcalm's of the 24th: / May, and reclaiming a french Soldier who / had remained Sick at Fort Edward the last / french flag of Truce that was sent in Nov: / 1758. / in M. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759 / No: 101.

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Du Camp sous le Fort Edouard ce 17e. Juin 1759.—

Monsieur,

Le Sr. Lotte est arrivé icy sur la brune, Je vous l'aurois renvoyé sur le champ, si je n'eu crû que la fatigue qu'il a dû essuier, par le mauvais tems qu'il a fait toute la Journée, nexigeoit plus qu'il son dédomage par une Nuit de repos; mais demain au jour il repartira.

Par lui j'ai eu l'honneur de recevoir votre Lettre du 10. de ce Mois; Celle de M. le Marquis de Montcalm; Et l'Exemplaire du Cartél pour l'Echange des Prisonniers: En revenge, Je vous prie de vouloir en accepter un de celui que j'ai reçeu de ma Cour; et de me permettre de vous recommander ma Re:-ponse pour M. de Montcalm, ci Jointe.

Dés que votre Lettre m'est parvenüe, Je me suis informé de ce qu'étoit devenu du nommé. Parisien, Soldat du Regiment de Guienne, que vous reclamés: On m'apprend qu'il avoit demandé d'etre transporté parmi ses Camarades sur la Longue Isle, et qu'il y'est resté parmi Eux; Je donnerai des Ordres pour le faire rapprocher des Frontieres.

J'aurai soin de faire tenir les deux Lettres qui vous ont été envoyées de Quebec, et dont vous avez bien voulû vous Charger.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec Consideration, Monsieur

Votre Très humble et Très Obeissant Serviteur

M. François Charles Bourlamaque Brigadier des Armées de S. M. T. C. commandant les Troupes Campées à Carillon

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Endorsed To Mr: Bourlamaque./ Camp at Fort Edward 17th: June 1759./ In Answer to his of the 10th de-siring he would/ forward the one enclosed for Mr: Montcalm./ in Mr. G. Amherst's of June 19. 1759/ N°102

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Army for Lake George as the total of the Numbers are at present Officers included.

Royal	974	
late Forbes	734	
Inniskilling	744	
R. Highlanders	1023	
Prideaux's	728	
Montgomery's	960	
Gages	534	
Rangers	724	
Artillery	116	6537.

Provincials

Massachusetts	1202	
Frey	991	
Lyman	661	
Whiting	736	
Worster		
Fitch	636	
Babcock	613	
Newhampshire		
Willard		
Additional Connecticut		4839
Total of the whole		11376

June 19th 1759. Jeff: Amherst

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Camp of Tionderoga July 27th 1759

Sir

The last Letter I did myself the Honour of writing to you, was of the 19th of June from Fort Edward.

I would now continue to You a Copy of my Journal from that time to this but it would take me up a great deall of time to write it and as I send this by Lt Colonel Amherst I beg leave to refer you to him for every thing that has passed as he has a Journal by which you may be informed of all particulars.

I could not proceed from the Lake 'till the 22d, landed the 23d took possession of the Lines the 24th and the Garrison having abandoned the Fort last night at 10 o' Clock, some Volunteers got into it and brought the Colours away with them which I send you. the Troops are at present extinguishing the Fire and saving all they can.

As I have but very few papers with me I cant inform you of any thing so fully as I should be glad to do; I send Copys of those I have and I hope soon, Sir, to dispatch to you some further accounts of the Success of His

Majesty's Arms to which I shall use my utmost Endeavours. I am with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient
Servant
Jeff Amherst

Right Honble Mr Pitt.

Endorsed. Tionderoga July 29/ 1759 / M. Genl Amherst/ Rx Sept 8th / by Lt Colo Amherst.

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1. Extract from Mr Mortier to Genl Amherst.
   New York June 18th

2. Copy from Mr Apthorp to Genl Amherst.
   New York June 18th.

3. Copy from Genl Amherst to Mr Apthorpe.
   Lake George June 23d

4. Extract from Genl Amherst to Mr Mortier.
   Lake George June 23d

5. Extract from Mr Mortier to Mr Appy.
   New York June 25th

6. Copy from Mr Mortier to Genl Amherst.
   New York June 28th

7. Copy from Mr Mortier to Mr Appy.
   New York July 2d inclos8

8. Extract from the Contractors to their Agents.
   London April 11. That they can't depend
   on further remittances in Specie - England
   is exhausted of Gold & Silver, & are fairly
   told at Treasury, 'tis better to submit to
   Loss in Exchange than drain it further

9. Copy from Genl Amherst to Mr Mortier.
   Lake George. July 3d

10. Copy from Mr Mortier to Mr Appy
    New York July 5th

11. Copy from Mr Appy to Mr Mortier.
    Lake George. July 7th

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12. Copy from Genl Amherst to Mr Apthorp.
Lake George July 8th.

13. Copy from Genl Amherst to Mr Mortier.
Lake George July 8th

14. Extract from Lt Govr De Lancey to Genl Amherst.
New York June 18th

15. Copy from Genl Amherst to Lt Govr DeLancey.
Lake George June 23d

16. Extract from Lt Govr DeLancey to Genl Amherst.
New York June 28th inclos?

17. Copy from Lt Govr DeLancey to the Speaker of
N. York Assembly June 28th

18 Copy of Lt Govr DeLancey's Message to the As:
:sembly of N. York in behalf of the Loan.
June 26th

19. Resolves of Assembly of N. York, in relation to
Loan. June 28th.

20. Extract from Genl Amherst to Lt Govr DeLancey.
Lake George July 3d

21. Copy from Lt Govr De Lancey to Genl Amherst
N. York July 5th inclosr

22. Copy of Act, passed July 3. for Emitting Bills
for 150m L currency to Enable His Mtys Govt
to pay Debts contracted, & to carry on
His Mtys Service, in N. America, & for Sink:
:ing the Same in Twelve Months.

23- Copy from Genl Amherst to Lt Govr DeLancey.
Lake George July 8th.

All the above Letters relate to the Loan of 150m £, which the General had desired of the Province of New York, which was granted, & settled to his Satisfaction, by the Act, vide N° 22., by which the Bills Emitted are to be delivered by the Treasurer of the Province to Mr Mortier Depy Pay Master Genl in America, who is to lodge with the Treasurer Bills drawn at Sixty Days Sight on the Pay Master General, for an Equal Sum in Dollars, which Bills are to remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, & not to be negotiated, unless the Crown shall not replace the Money within Twelve Months; And the the General has assured in writing, that the Colony of New York shall be kept harmless, & indemnified from any Costs or Losses.

24 Extract from Govr Denny to Genl Amherst.
Philadelphia June 21. Inclos.

25. Title of Bill for Lending Government 50,000 £
Currency. &

26. Copy from Brigr Stanwix to Govr Denny
June 15th

27 Copy from Genl Amherst to Govr Denny.
June 30.

28. Extract from Brigr Stanwix to Genl Amherst.
June 20th.

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29 Extract from Genl Amherst to Brigr Stanwix
July 4th.

These Papers relate to a Loan to the Government from Pensylvania, of 50000 £ Currency for one Year without Interest, for which Brigr Stanwix & Colo Hunter are to give Bond, & to lodge Bills to be Negotiated in case Contractors, do not repay Money in time. & to Govr Denny, at Brigr Stanwix's Desire, waving Proprietary Instructions, about Emitting Paper Bills, in order to pass Bill for this Loan.

30. Return of Killed & wounded at taking of Ti:
:conderoga.

Endorsed. List & Substance of Papers / inclosed in
Genl Amherst's / Letter of July 27th

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Extract

New York 18th June 1759.

Sir

I take the Liberty to acquaint Your Ex: cellency of my Arrival here on Saturday last, and that the next Morning I waited on the Lieut Governor who told me he had call'd the Assembly of the Province, to meet with all dispatch, in Order to lay before them, Your Letter to him, requesting the Loan of £150,000 York Currency, for carrying on the Publick Service, he Seemed to think he Should find no difficulty in Obtaining it, upon the Emergency. and Said Mr Apthorp had been with him and propos'd giving Security for the Loan, if it took place, but the Lt Governor Acquainted him no Security could be taken from Private Persons, that he Should recommend the Advancing the Money to His Council & Assembly as a publick Service, at the instance of the Commander in Chief, and Should take Such Security as You offer'd in Your Letter to him, that was, the Deputy Paymaster General's Bills, I Submit it to Your Excellency, whether You will not think it proper to direct the Bills to be drawn on the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces instead of the Treasury.

Abraham Mortier.-

His Excellency Genl Amherst &ca - &ca.

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Copy. New York, 18th June 1759.

Sir,

Since I Wrote Your Excellency last, I have Waited on the Governor to know what would be done in regard to the Money required: Who informed me that the Assembly would be convened, and he believed it would be Granted, & that he Understood that the Bills to be drawn by Mr Mortier on the Treasury, were to be disposed of as the Government should think proper, and a Report has since prevailed among the Merchants, that they are to be Sold for what will bring, which has put a full Stop to the Sale of my Bills on the Contractors, as they Expect by Waiting to get them at 50 % Cent Exchange: Wherefore, as I think it my Duty, and for the Public good, I take the liberty of troubling Your Excellency once more, and to Represent the great Disadvantage would happen, should those Bills be Sold at the rate they Expect, for as I have Yet Sold None under 68 % Cent, and but few under 70, there would be a Loss of at least £10, Sterl? in Every £100, drawn for, and that not only on this Sum, but in all the Money it may be Necessary to raise hereafter, as I have hitherto found it impossible to raise the Exchange again, after it has fallen; and besides this Loss, it would probably be as difficult for me to Supply

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Money after this £150,000, was Expended, as it is now, as the Sale of those Bills would Interfere with, if not entirely prevent the Sale of Mine, as I should be in doubt whether I should be properly Authorized to Raise Money at so great a disadvantage.

I Would therefore, with Submission, propose to Your Excellency, to prevent these Inconveniences, that in case the Government should Prefer Mr Mortier's Bills on the Treasury, to Mine on the Contractors, or such Other Security as I could give them for the Repayment of their Money, they should be put into their possession: but only as Security, and not be permitted but in default of the Redemption of them, at the Expiration of the time limitted, which appears to be the most likely, if not the only way, to prevent so great a Loss to the Public, on whom it would fall.

I Hope Your Excellency will be kind Enough to Excuse the Liberty I take in Writing You so freely, as I Assure You the Public good, and not Self Interest, is my first Motive, for as the Lower the Exchange is, the more Bills must be drawn it would be for my Advantage that this Scheme of the Merchants should Succeed, as my Profits would be Encreased by it, which I do not desire on those Terms.

I have the Honour to be,

Vēa

Chª Wm Apthorp

By a Letter I have received from Louisbourg I am Informed that the Northumberland Man of War was Arrived there, and brings an Account that the Money was on board the Echo, who was to Sail the beginning of April for that place, and I hope it is now there, & will be Shipt as soon as possible for this place, agreable to Directions I gave some time Since.

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Chas Ward Apthorp Esqr / to General Amherst. / Dated at New York 18th June 1759.— / 2. / in M. G. Amherst's of July 24th 1759

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Copy

Camp at Lake George 23d. June 1759.

Sir.

With your Letter of the 18th. I also re:
=ceived one from the Lieut Governor. Acquainting
me with his belief that the Assembly would con:
=sent to grant the Loan I had asked, but he
does not Mention any thing about the Disposal
of the Bills that are to be drawn for it by
Mr. Mortier on the Pay Master General; If the
Assembly propose to Negotiate those Bills in the
Manner You Say, and the Publick thereby Sus:
=tain so great a loss, it is what I Shall never
consent to; When I Asked for the Loan, my In:
=tentions was that the Government Should have
the whole without one Single Shilling Deduction,
And that was my reason for having the Money
paid immediately into the Hands of the Deputy
Pay Master General, which of Course would Save
the Charge of Commission. And by offering his Bills
for the Security of the Province, it was merely as a
Security, and not for them to be Negotiated before a
default of Payment on the part of the Crown with:
=in the time limitted for the Redemption of the
New York Bills that Should be Emitted on this
occasion for that purpose; If I have not been

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understood in that Light (which I cannot Suspect, as I have so many Instances of the Lieut Governors readiness & Zeal of forwarding the Kings Service to the best & Most Advantage) I Should be Sorry for it, but to prevent all Mistakes on that head, I shall this day again write to & repeat to him in the Most clear & precise Manner the terms on which I Asked that Loan, Viz.t without any profit or advantage Arising therefrom either to the Assembly or any one else except the individuals of the pro-=vince who will thereby get their demands upon the Crown so much Sooner paid, A motive Sufficient I Should think to induce the Assembly to agree to my Proposals; besides which, I Shall mention to the Lt. Governor the prospect You have from the Letter You mention to have lately received; of soon getting a Supply of Money from Louisbourg, which may go immediately towards the Redemption of part of that Loan.--

I am &ca.

Jeff: Amherst

Charles Ward Apthorp Esq.r

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Major General Amherst / To Charles Ward Apthorp Esq.r / Camp at Lake George. 23.d June 1759. / 3. / In M.r G. Amherst's of July 27.th 1759

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Extract

Camp at Lake George 23.d June 1759

Sir

With Your Letter I had one from the Lieut. Governor & another from Mr. Apthorp on the Subject of the Loan, which Mr. De Lancey tells me he thinks his Assembly will grant; but as the Contractors Agents Seem to think that, if this Loan takes place, the Government of New York will Sell Your Bills, from which he Says, not only a loss but great inconveniences will Arise to the publick, I have been obliged in order to clear up that matter, and to prevent this happening, to write fully to the one & the other, & as You take no Notice of what Mr. Apthorp observes, from whence I conclude he has not Consulted with You upon it, I Send You a Copy of his Letter & Mine in Answer thereto, as also of the One I have wrote to the Lieut. Governor to all which I refer You for Your Guidance; You will therefore take care, in transacting this Affair to Manage every thing in the best Manner & to the greatest Advantage for the Publick, observing that the Bills You give on the Pay Master General (and not, as I mentioned before, on the Treasury) be Lodged

with the province, only by way of Security & not to be Negotiated till after the Drown has been in default of payment within the time limitted, which I dare Say will not be the case, as upon my representations to the Ministry Setting forth the Urgent Necessity that had Compelled me to this Measure, I doubt not but Money will be Order'd out ere long, to enable us to take up Your Bills, nay if Mr. Apthorps Intelligence proves true, we Shall Soon have it in our Pour to refund part of that Loan.-

Jeff: Amherst

Abraham Mortier Esqr.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Major General Amherst to / Abraham Mortiers Epqr. / Dep: Paymaster General / Camp at Lake George 23d June 1759 / 4./ in Mr: G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Extract.

New York, 25th June 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Was favour'd with Yours of 20th Instant last Night, and in mine to You of 22d Acquainted You what had passed at the Governor's, in regard to the Loan required from the Province, and the Terms I Apprehended it would be Granted upon; but as the Assembly meets tomorrow, hope in my next to be able to Advise the General that it is Comply'd with, and shall then Sollicite the Expediting what more is to be done in Order to get it into my hands as soon as possible; In regard to the Governor's proposal of my Drawing Bills to Pri=vate Persons upon the same footing of Exchange as has been done at Philadelphia, I am very glad the General has not given any Directions on that head, as that may be another Con=sideration, after they have Agreed to his pro=posal.— I Have by the Packet Acquainted Mr. Fox, "the distress the Service has been put to, for want of Remittances from home, and the Incapacity of the Contractors Agents Supplying me;" Have also told him, "the Military Chest had Suffered a Total Bankruptcy, which it would have done long ago, but by the General's Management,

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in deferring Granting Warrants on me till I was in a Capacity of paying them; but that as there was now an Absolute Necessity for discharging the Engagements that had been Entered into with many People, for Sundries Supply'd the Public, and for which I had been Obliged to give them my Notes, as a Security for the payment, the General had in this Exigency fallen upon the Method of desir:=ing the Loan of £150,000 New York Currency from this Province for a Twelve Month, and for which Loan He had proposed to them, I should Draw Bills on the Paymaster General, and that I Apprehended the Same would be Granted him, &c."

Mr. Apthorp's Scheme of my Bills being Lodged by way of Security, for repayment of the Money, and Lengthening the time of Redemption, may be a very good One, could he bring the Province into it, but the Governor, and those of the Council and Assembly, that I have Conversed with on this head, will hear of no Other Method or Security but the Generals proposal of their taking my Bills, and Insist on Sending them home, and Appointing their own Agent to receive the Money there, and remit it to him, to Enable them therewith to Cancell the Paper Currency which they must Emit on this Occasion: As the distance

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I am at from the General, may not give me Opportunity of Applying to him for further Orders in case the Assembly should pass this Bill, and that I have reason to think they will Expect me to Comply immediately with the General's Pro: -posal, in giving them my Bills of Exchange on the Paymaster General, payable Twelve Months after date, that they may transmit them to England by the first Opportunity, I humbly Submit it to the General, that he will please to Signify to me his Approbation of my so doing.

Abm: Mortier.

John Appy Esqr.

Endorsed Extract/ Letter from Abraham/ Mortier Esqr. to John Appy Esqr./ Dated New York 25th. June 1759--/ 5./ in Mr: Z: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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New York, 28th June 1759.-

Sir,

I Am Honoured with Your Excellency's Letter dated 23d. Instant, with Copys of Mr. Apthorp's Letter, and Your Answer thereto, also Copy of Your Letter to the Lieut. Governor.

In my Letter of 26th Instant to Mr. Appy I Acquainted him upon what terms the Lieut. Governor thought he could Obtain from his Council and the Assembly the Loan desired, and that he Apprehended they would not take my Bills as a Deposit by way of Security, but proposed receiving the Species for them in England, on the terms therein mentioned.

The Assembly met Yesterday, but came to no Resolution; they are to take the Matter farther into Consideration to day, and I shall take Care to Obey Your Orders that if I pass my Bills, they shall be Lodged with the Pro:-vince, only by way of Security.

Since my beginning this Letter I have been Sent for to the Assembly; Some Members Asked me Questions in regard to the rate of Exchange I was to Draw the Bills at, I Ac:-quainted them, that Your Intention was that

these Bills should not be Negotiated but in case of failure in the Crowns replacing it by the time Stipulated, upon which they made the follow:=ing Memorandum.

"That to Repay the Emission of £150, 000
"New York Currency; Mr. Mortier, the Deputy Pay=
"-master General, do Lodge Bills to the Amount of
"375, 000 Dollars, being at 8/ p Dollar equal to
"that Sum in Currency; That the General will
"please to give Assurances that the Money be re:=
"-paid within the Twelve Month into the Province
"Treasury, to Enable them to Cancell the Bills to
"be Emitted on this Occasion, without Loss to the
"Province; but on failure of Redemption of the Bills
"they are to be Negotiated, and the General will
"replace to the Province, whatever Loss shall be
"Sustained thereby.

This I thought it absolutely necessary to Communicate to You, and which if You Approve of, I presume will remove the fears of the Con:=tractors Agents in regard to its affecting the Ex:=change, and if replaced in time, must certainly be a Saving to the Government, as well as being of the Utmost Importance to the Service, at this Critical Juncture, as the Contractors Agents can give me no hopes of Money coming out,

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but on the Contrary are told by their principals they must not depend on any, and now don't believe there is any Money come in the Echo. The Post only gives me time to Add that I am, with great Respect,

Pca,

Abm. Mortier

His Excellency General Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from Abraham Mortier Esq/ to General Amherst./ Dated at New York 28th June 1759./ 6./ in Mr. G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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New York, 2d. July 1759.–

Dear Sir,

I Have Received Your favour of 26th. past, and hope before this the General has received mine of the 28th. as also the Lt. Governor's Ans:=wer to His Excellency's Letter to him of the 23d. past, by which he will See that the Affair of the Loan has taken a more favourable turn. The Bill is now drawing by a Committee of the House of Assembly, of which Col. We Lancey is President, who tells me he thinks it will be ready by Wednesday or Thursday next for the Lt. Governor's Assent; By this Bill the £ 150, 000 New York Currency is to be paid into my hands without Deduction, and my Bills for 375 000 Dollars (Equal to that Sum in Currency at 8/- the Dollar) on the Paymaster General, to be lodged in the Treasurer's hands, re=deemable at any time within Twelve Months, which I always Apprehended was the General's Meaning, and hope will be to his Satisfaction; I thought it my Duty to Acquaint the General with all that I heard on this head, but should not have taken any Step in this Affair, with:=out fully Acquainting him of the Methods

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proposed, and having his entire Approbation.

The Whole Charge will be the Printer's Bill, which can be but very inconsiderable, and which I have Engaged to pay, and shall as far as in me lays, press the Expediting this Matter, and as soon as finished repair to Albany.

I Enclose You Capt. Boneau's first and Second Bills of Exchange on Marquis Montcalm, in favour of Major Grant, the 3d and 4th Bills I keep by me, also the Extract of a Letter from the Contractors to their Agents here which I got from Mr. Apthorp, who desired me to Acquaint the General therewith; by which it will appear what dependance We have of Remittances from home.

I am, &ca

Abm. Mortier

John Appy Esqr. —

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Extract of a Letter from the Contractors to their Agent at New York - Dated 11th. April 1759.-

"I Fear You cannot depend on any fur:-ther Remittances of Species - This Kingdom is so Exhausted of both Gold and Silver that We are fairly told at the Treasury, it is better to Submit to the Loss in Exchange than to drain it further.- This You may Impart to His Excellency the General, if necessary, but let not a Single Soul besides know it. as its getting abroad must be fatal, by putting You wholly in the power of the Merchants, and for this reason, no Notice will be taken to You of it. further."

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from the Con:-tractors / to their Agents at New York - / Dat.d London 11th April 1759 - / Enclosed in Mr. Mortier's to Mr. Appy / of the 2d. July 1759. / 8. / in Mr: Ly: Amherst's of July 27th 1759.

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Camp at Lake George, 3d. July 1759.

Sir,

Your Letter to my Secretary of the 25th Ultimo remained Unanswered, because mine of the 23d fully Informed You on what Conditions, and no Other, I would Accept of the Loan I had requested the Lieut. Governor to Move his Assembly to grant for Carrying on the Public Service; I now See by Yours of the 28th. that mine was Come to Your hands, and that in Consequence thereof, You had, upon some of the Members Asking You at what rate of Exchange You were to draw Your Bills, Acquainted them, that my Intentions were, that these Bills should not be Negotiated, but in Case of failure in the Crowns replacing the Loan by the time Stipulated, upon which they made a Memorandum, Copy of which You have transmitted to me:- This Memorandum I have taken into Consideration, and as I find nothing in it but what Seems to me very Equitable, And that, as You Say, You presume it will remove the fears of the Contractors Agents in regard to its Affecting the Exchange, and if replaced in time must certainly be a Saving to the Government as well as being of the utmost Importance to the

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Service at this Critical Juncture, as the Contractors Agents can give You no hopes of Money coming out, but on the Contrary are told by their Principals, they must not depend on any, and now don't believe there is any Money come in the Echo; I Say considering all these disad:=vantages, and it being incumbent on me to prevent the Service from Suffering, I have for that purpose, this day, Wrote to the Lieut. Governor that You had transmitted me this Memorandum, as made by the Assembly, from whence I con:=cluded that by my Assenting to those Conditions, which I did, nothing would now retard their Emitting the Bills of Credit for the Above Loan, and desired that they might, as soon as con:=veniently could, be paid over to You, to Enable You to Answer the present Exigencies; You will therefore, upon Receipt hereof, Apply to the Lieut. Governor, and beg his Assistance in for:=warding the Speedy Conclusion of this Ne:=gotiation, (for Your further Information which I transmit You a Copy of my Letter to Mr. De Lancey) that no time may be lost in Satisfying the Demands against the Crown, and to have wherewithall to pay the Subsistence of the Troops and all Other Expences that daily

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Success for carrying on the Operations of this Campaign.

I am,

&c.ª

Jeff: Amherst.

Abraham Mortier Esqr

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New York, 5th July 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Have now the pleasure to Acquaint You that this troublesome business of Obtaining the Loan requested by the General from the Province, is finished, by the Bill for it being past on Tuesday last, a Copy of which the Lieut: Governor transmits to the General by this Conveyance; By this Bill the Paper Currency is to bear date 20th Instant, being the time Calculated that it could be got ready in; I must beg You to Move the General that he will please to give me an Order to receive it from the Treasurer, and to direct me to give him my Bills on the Pay master General for the Amount in Dollars.

As by my Instructions I am directed to Specify in my Bills the respective Service for which they shall be drawn, I beg Leave to Submit it to His Excellency, whether he Approves that in the Bills to be given, One Third part of the Whole should be mentioned to be for Account of Subsistence of the Regiments, and the Other two thirds for Account of Extraordinaries.

I am, / Yor. / Abm. Mortier

John Appy Esqr.

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Camp at Lake George 9th July 1759.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 2d no Sooner reached me than I laid it before the General, and I have the Satisfaction to Acquaint You, that it met with his Entire Approbation, as it Coincides in every respect with the plan he had formed to Extricate the Service from the difficulties it la: =boured under, thro' the incapacity of the Con: =tractors Agents being able to furnish the neces: =sary Supplies of Money for Carrying on the Same; And that, not only without any Additional Ex: =pence but a Visible great Saving to the Public.

Next to his Approbation, I am to Signify to You his pleasure, that agreable to his Letter of the 3d Instant, You are to Use Your best Endeavors in bringing this Negotiation to a Speedy and final Issue, by Soliciting the Lieut. Governor in the strongest terms, to Continue his Zeal and good Offices, and forward with all possible dis: =patch, the Emission of the Bills, and the de: =livery of them to You, that You may, without loss of time, either bring up Yourself, or Send to Al: =bany (which You shall Judge best and most Expeditious for the good of the Service) at least

£ 30,000 Sterling, to Answer the present Demands of the Subsistence of the Troops, and such part of the Contingencies as require to be immediately discharged there.

I Must not Omit neither to Acknowledge the Receipt of the 1st and 2d of Capt. Bonneau's Bills on the Marquis of Montcalm in favor of Major Grant for £100. Sterling. Advanced by You to that Gentle:=man, by the General's Directions for which You shall hereafter have the proper Warrant; Meanwhile You have done very right to keep the third and fourth of Same Bill, as, in case of Accidents, and on failure of payment of those Enclosed to me, they will Serve the Government as Vouchers for this Advance.

It is somewhat Strange, under our late dis:=tressfull circumstances, which the Contractor's Agents were all along privy to, that they should have post:=poned till now Communicating to the General the Letter they received from their Principals of the 11th April; This is not my Opinion Solely, the General himself took Notice of it upon reading the Extract of that Letter Enclosed in Yours.

I am, &c.ª, J. Appy,

Abraham Mortier Esqr.

Endorsed Copy-Letter from John Appy Esqr./ To Abraham Mortier Esqr./ Dated Camp at Lake George 7th July 1759/ 11./ in M:G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Camp at Lake George 8th July 1759.

Sir,

Seeing the Advice You received from Your Principals of the 11th April last, by which it is Evident, We had no Supplies to Expect from home, it is very lucky that Our Negotiation with the Province of New York has had so successfull an Issue; That You may not be ignorant of any the least part of this Transaction, which may concern either Yourself or Principals, I have directed Mr. Mortier to give You what Information he shall think necessary for You to be Acquainted with; At the same time, the Obtaining this Loan must not put a Stop to Your Using Your best Endeavors in procuring whatever Money You can, agreable to Your Instructions, for providing against any future Demands.

I am,

Vcã.

Jeff: Amherst

Thos: Ward Apthorp Epqr.

Endorsed Copy - Letter from Genl. Amherst /to Thos: Ward Apthorp Epqr./ Datd Camp at Lake George 8th July 1759./ 12./ in Mr: Fy: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Camp at Lake George 8th July 1759.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 5th is this moment come to hand, and that no time may be lost in making timely & speedy provision for the great and press:=ing Demands at Albany, which I find You are, or will be soon enabled to do, by the Act for the Loan being passed, I Send off an Express with this, lest what I wrote You on the 3d would not be Sufficiently Satisfactory to the Province and Occasion Delays, to avoid which I Conform to the Words of the Act, recommended to me by the Lieut. Governor to give under my hand, Vizt "That You draw and Lodge in the hands of the Treasurer a Sett or Setts of Bills of Exchange at Sixty days Sight on the Paymaster General of His Ma:=jesty's Forces, for the Sum of Three Hundred & Seventy Five Thousand Spanish Milled Dollars, Equal to the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Thousand Pounds New York Currency, by the Consent and Approbation of the General and Com:=mander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, Signified in Writing under his hand, And also upon Assurances in Writing under the hand of the said General or Commander in

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Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, Signified in Writing under his hand, And also upon Assurances in Writing under the hand of the said General or Commander in Chief, that the Colony shall be kept harmless and Indemnified of and from all Costs, Charges, and Damages that may happen or Accrue by means, or on Account of the Loan by this Act Granted, until the said Money shall be fully replaced in the hands of the Treasurer of the Colony." With which Terms & Conditions I have Complied in my Letter of this day to Lieut. Govr. De Lancey; What else re:=mains to be done, agreable to the above, You will, without loss of time, on Your part also Comply with, and as by Your Instructions You are di:=rected to Specify in Your Bills, the respective Ser:=vices for which they shall be drawn, I Approve of Your Drawing for One third of the above men:=tioned Sum of £ 150,000, On Account of Sub:=sistence of the Regiments, and the remaining two thirds for and on Account of Extraordinaries, which Bills You will, as Agreed upon, Draw on the Pay:=master General of His Majesty's Forces, and pay over to the Treasurer of the Colony of New York, as a Security for the Reimbursement of the above Loan, and at the Same time, Receive from him

the paper Currency to be Emitted to the amount thereof, which I See is to bear date the 20th Instant, but if possible I would have You Endeavor, if You can, to get it sooner, as the People of the Country, who have been long laying out of their Money, are impatient to be paid off, the want of which, especially when they get wind of this Supply, might make them backward in lending their Assistance, which is of the Utmost Consequence; To Appease them, I have this day granted another Warrant to Colo Bradstreet for £5000 Sterling, which, with the Ballance due to him on the last, if immediately Sent up, he thinks will make all Easy; I must therefore desire that out of the first Money You can Scrape together, You will Send the above to Lieut: Coventry, to whom Colo Bradstreet has Assigned his Warrant, as You will See by his Letter to You.— The Works carrying on here under the direction of Colo Montresor, likewise require immediate Payment, as without it the Artificers are much dispirited, for this Service up to the first of next Month, One Thousand pounds Sterling is necessary which, I believe, should be sent in Specie to Albany, whence, upon Your Clerk's applying to Lieut. Coventry, it shall be

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Sent hither under Escort to Colo. Montresor, who shall Account for the Same, and a Warrant be Granted for it afterwards; Many more Demands are Equally pressing, but it is needless to Enumerate them here, as I know You are well Acquainted with it, and that I am certain You will not lose a moment's time in Exerting Yourself to Your Utmost for the good of the Service.

Before I Conclude I must desire that You will also make provision at Boston, for the im=mediate Acquittal of the two Warrants I have Drawn on You in favor of Mr. Hancock and Another in favor of Mr. Jarvis, which my Secretary has already given You Advice of.

Tho' the Contractor's Agents have thought pro=per to Secret from me till so lately, the Ad=vice of their Principals of the 11th. April, Set=ting forth; "I Fear You cannot depend on "any further Remittances of Specie. This King=dom is so Exhausted of both Gold and "Silver, that We are fairly told at the Treas=ury, it is better to Submit to the loss in "Exchange than to drain it further; Yet, that they may not plead Ignorance of what We have done, You will Inform them of Every thing You think it necessary for them

to be Acquainted with relative to this Negotiation.

I am,

Sr.

Jeff: Amherst.

Abraham Mortier Esqr.

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Camp at Lake George 23d. June 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Am glad to See by Your favour of the 18th., that Mr. Mortier came down so Opportunely, and with the Countenance of Your Influence and good Offices (which I am Certain of) I doubt not but You will bring Your Assembly to Con=sent to the Loan I requested You to Move them to Grant.

A Letter I received, at the same time with Yours, from Mr. Apthorp, upon that Subject, Obliges me to be further troublesome to You in Explaining some Points in which he seems to think You have not Understood my Meaning, with regard to the Bills I Offered You for the Security of the Redemption of the Bills that should be Emitted by the Province on this Occasion, which he Says Your Government proposes to Negotiate for what they will bring, whereby the Public must not only be a Loser of at least ten p Cent on this Sum, but in all the Money it may be necessary to raise hereafter, as he had hither=to found it impossible to raise the Exchange again after it has fallen, and besides this Loss, it would probably be as difficult for him to

Supply Money after this £150. 000, was Expended, as it is now, as the Sale of those Bills would Interfere with, if not entirely prevent the Sale of his, as he should be in doubt, whether he should be properly Authorized to raise Money at so great a disadvantage.

If Mr. Apthorp has any just grounds for Supposing that the Intention of Your Govern=ment is really to put up Mr. Mortier's Bills to Sale, I cannot but Approve his timely Observation, but I am willing to believe he has been im=posed upon by fallacious Reports, as from Your Zeal for the Service, and the proper Oeconomy with which it Ought to be attended, I am Confident You never would Suffer or Countenance such a Loss, or such Inconveniences to Arise to the Public, which I have Observed to him in my Answer telling him further, that lest any Mis=take might have happened, I would Explain to You the Terms upon which I requested that Loan, and I must therefore beg leave to Observe to You that the Bills which Mr. Mortier is to Draw on the Paymaster General (and not on the Treasury as I mentioned before) are to remain in the Possession of the Government of New York, by way of Security only, for the Redemption of the

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Bills which they shall Emit upon this Occasion, unless in default of their payment at the Ex: =piration of the time limited, in which case they shall immediately become Negotiable, but I make no doubt they will be taken up before that time, nay part of them, for aught I know, may be paid very soon. as Mr. Apthorp Says he has advice from Louisbourg, that there was Money on board the Echo, who was Expected to Sail for that place the beginning of April, and that he had sometime since given Directions, that up: =on its Arrival there, it should be Shipped im: =mediately for New York.

I Further Observed to Mr. Apthorp that my Reason for desiring that the Money might be paid to the Dep: Paym.r General, was to prevent the Public being Charged with any Com: =mission on that Loan, which doubtless, if it was to go through his hands, would be the Case; And as the Security Offered, is as good if not better than any he can give, and that it is but one trouble for the proper Officer to re: =ceive it immediately from the Province, rather than thro' the hands of a third Person, I could not forgive myself, were I to put the Public to so heavy & needless an Expence; I

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doubt not therefore but You will Second me in this Measure, and that there need no Other Motive to Induce You to terminate it upon those Conditions.

I am,

Yr. Ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey-

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Lt. Governor De Lancey / Dated at Camp at Lake George 23d. June / 1759. / 15. / in M.r G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Extract.

New York, 25th. June 1759.

Dear Sir,

Strong Opposition by some Merchants against the Loan; These want to take Advantage of the Public Necessity, I will never come into it: My Pro=posal was to take Mr. Mortier's Bills at the rate of Exchange that Rivate Bills go for ready Money, payable to Trustees here, who are to Send them to England, appoint Persons to Re=ceive the Money, Convert it into foreign Coin, and Send it over hither within the Twelve Months to Sink the Bills Emitted for the Loan, the whole Expence to be at the Charge of the Crown, whereby the Province will be no loser, nor gain any thing, but the advantage of having so much Coin in Currency.

I Enclose a Copy of my Message to the Council and Assembly, and a Copy of a Letter I Wrote this Morning, and Sent to the Speaker: If the House do not Vote the Loan this morning I shall battle it a little with them this day at Dinner, and try to get it done in the old German way over a Bottle: Though some of the Opposers perplex the Country Members, Yet I hope they will See

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their own Interest and Credit are concerned in this Measure.

I Have just now received two Letters from Your Excellency of the 23d. As to the One touching the Loan, If I cannot get it exactly in the way You mention, I shall Endeavour to have it done, cy prés, (a Lawyer's phrase) as possible. I am going to Town to push the Vote.

James De Lancey.

His Excellency
General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract - Letter from Lt. Govr. De Lancey/ to General Amherst. / Dated at New York 28th. June 1759. / 16./ in M:G: Amherst's of July 27th: 1759.

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Copy.

New York, 28th June 1759.

Sir,

Messrs. De Lancey & Livingston applied to me Yesterday, telling me that the House were desirous to See Mr. Mortier's Instruction, by which he was empowered to Draw in default of the Contractor's Agents; the General Says in his Letter he has such a Power, I have Seen it and Send You a Copy. They also mentioned something in relation to the Agents with whom I can have nothing to do, nor do I know upon what footing they were to Supply the Sums necessary for Carrying on the Operations of the War. This I plainly See that the Military is greatly In=debted, and Chiefly to the People of this Pro=vince, and cannot be Extricated but by the Aid of the Legislature of this Province, not even if they should throw themselves into the hands of some Merchants who would make Exorbitant Gains to themselves out of this Distress: One Scheme You and I have both Seen, whereby it was proposed to Raise £ 50,000 this Cur=rency, at the rate of about 42 p Cent which is £ 24. on an hundred lower than the Bills im=portuned for, and Sold last Week by Mr. White,

who is, I think, Agent for Victualling some of His Majestys Ships in America.

The Whole is this; The General has laid the distress of the Service before the Legislature of the Province and has desired their Assistance; They, and They only, can relieve it, and thereby gain great credit with His Majesty, and His Ministers, which will be of great Advantage to them, especially at this time, when the Province has reason from Mr. Secretary Pitts Letters, to Expect an Aid from Great Britain for last Years Expence, and has also Encouragement to Expect it for this; And it is natural to Conclude, that if the Kings Ministers find this Province ready to Assist and Support the Kings Service in this Exigency, they will not Neglect our Interest when our Case comes before Parliament next Sessions.

I am, &c.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Lt. Govr. De Lancey / to the Speaker of N. York Assembly. / in behalf of the Loan. / Dated New York 28th June 1759. / Enclosed in the Lt. Govrs to Genl. Amherst / of the same day. / 17. / in M. G. Amhersts of July 27th / 1759

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Gentlemen,

Having on the 14th Instant Received a Letter from His Excellency General Amherst, bear-ing date the 8th Relating to the Kings im-mediate Service, and which could not Admit of any delay, I resolved to Call You together as soon as possible, though at an Unusual and perhaps inconvenient Season of the Year.

I Herewith send You an Extract of the Generals Letter, whereby You will perceive that the Contractor's Agent not being able to Supply the Sums of Money necessary to Answer the Large Demands made for Carrying on His Majesty's Service, the General was Compelled, in this Situation, that his Operations and the Success of His Majesty's Arms might not be Retarded to Apply for a Loan of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, New York Currency in Bills of the Province, Redeemable in Twelve Months after their date, by the Money Arising from Bills of Exchange to be Drawn by Mr. Mortier, Deputy Paymaster General.

As the Distress the Service is in for want of Money, and the Incapacity of the Contractors Agent to Remove the Same, sufficiently

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Evinces and Warrants the Necessity of the Generals having recourse to this Method, so was it a Suf:=ficient Reason for my Calling You together so Suddenly: And I did it, in a full Assurance that You would chearfully Embrace this Oppor:=tunity of giving a fresh proof of Your Loyalty to the King and Zeal for his Service.

I Am so fully persuaded of Your readily bowing into the Loan proposed, and in such a Manner as no Advantage be taken of these pressing Wants which Call for the Speediest Supply, that I think it needless to Urge any Other Arguments to Induce You to it.

City of New York
26th June 1759 —

Endorsed Copy - Lt. Govr. De Lancey's / Message to the Assembly of N. York / in behalf of the Loan 26th June 1759. / Enclosed in the Lieut. Govrs. to Genl. Amherst of the 28th / 18. / in M:G: Amherst's of July 27th: 1759.

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Assembly Chamber the 28th June 1759 A.M.

The House (according to Order) Resolved it: =self into a Committee of the Whole House, upon His Honour the Lieut. Governor's Message of the 26th Instant; After some time Spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Colonel De Lancey reported the Resolutions of the Com: =mittee, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, and are as follow, Viz:

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that as it appears by His Hon: =our's said Message, and the Extract of General Amherst's Letter of the 8th Instant, that the Military Chest is Exhausted, and the Contrac: =tor's Agents in America for Supplying the Army with Money not able to furnish the Sums neces: =sary to Answer the large Demands made for Carrying on His Majesty's Service in the pres: =sent Expedition against the French Settlements in Canada; That there be Lent and Ad: =vanced for Supplying the deficiency aforesaid, the Sum of One hundred & Fifty thousand pounds.

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee that for making immediate Payment

for the Serirce aforesaid, Bills of Credit to the Amount of the aforesaid Sum of £150,000, be Emitted on the Credit of Bills of Exchange to be Drawn by Mr. Mortier, the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces in North America, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Commander in Chief, upon the Paymaster General, for the like Sum; to be Sunk and Can=celled within Twelve Months, by Monies to Arise by virtue of the aforesaid Bills of Exchange.

And the Said Resolutions being Read a Second time. —

Resolved that the House do Agree with the Committee in the aforesaid Resolutions.

Ordered that Judge Hicks & Mr Miller wait on His Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the Aforesaid Resolutions. —

Ordered that a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Said Resolutions, and that the Members of the City of New York and County of Westchester, or the Major part of them, prepare and bring in the Same.

By Order of the General Assembly.

Abrm. Lott Junr. Clk

Thursday 28th June 5 O'Clock Afternoon

Just Received from the Members of the Assembly, and only Read over by Your Humble Servant

J. De Lancey

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Endorsed Copy - Resolves of the Assembly of / New York in relation to the Loan - / Dat^d New York 28th June 1759. / 19 / in M:G: Amherst's of July 27th. 1759

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Extract.

Camp at Lake George 3d July 1759.

Dear Sir,

Before the Receipt of Your favor of the 28th Ultimo I foresaw some Merchants would make strong Opposition to the Loan, in Order to take Advantage of the public necessity; but then I was also convinced that You would not come into it:- I am only Sorry that my Letter of the 23d could not reach You before You sent in Your Message to the Council and Assembly of the 26th as Your Proposal would then have been entirely conformable to my meaning, and no doubt (from Your well calculated Message to them, and Your most proper Letter to the Speaker) would have been equally agreed to, since by my proposal, the Province will not only be free from any Loss or Risk, but also have the Same Advantage of so much Coin in Currency; Whilst, on the Other hand, the Crown will not be a Sufferer, from the Drawing of Bills at the present Disadvantageous Exchange; Wherefore, I flatter myself that by Your next I shall have the pleasure to learn, that Your Usual Zeal and unwearied Endeavors to promote the good of the Service, have got the better of all Opposition,

and that the House have Concurred and Granted the Loan upon the Terms I proposed. In which Case I am ready to Agree to the Conditions of the Memorandeum, which Mr. Mortier Informs me, they made upon his Acquainting them that my Intentions were, that his Bills should not be Negotiated, but in Case of failure in the Crown's replacing the Loan by the time Stipulated; Which are as follows:

"That to repay the Emission of £150,000
"New York Currency, Mr. Mortier, the Dep: Paymr.
"General, do Lodge Bills to the Amount of 375,000
"Dollars, being at 8s. p Dollar, Equal to that Sum
"in Currency; That the General will please to
"give Assurances That the Money be repaid with-
"-in the Twelvemonth into the Province Treasury, to
"Enable them to Cancell the Bills to be Emitted
"on this Occasion, without loss to the Province, but
"on failure of Redemption of the Bills, they are
"to be Negotiated, and the General will Replace to
"the Province, whatever Loss shall be Sustained thereby."

These Conditions being agreed to by me as above, and being ready to Ratify them whenever they please, I take it for granted nothing now will retard the Emission of the Bills of Credit, that they may be, so soon as conveniently can, paid over

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to Mr. Mortier, to Enable him to Discharge the larger demands outstanding against the Crown, and to Answer the Expences, that daily Encrease for Carrying on the Operations of this Campaign, the Nonpayment and failure of which, at this present Critical Conjuncture, might be Attended with very great Inconveniences, which I hope soon to See Removed, thro' the Assembly's Loyalty to the King and their Zeal for His Service, which I shall not fail to represent to His Majesty's Ministers, in Order that the Province may reap all the Advantages they will be justly entitled to, from their readiness to Assist and Support the Kings Service in this Exigency.-

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Lt. Govr. De Lancey-

Endorsed Extract- Letter from Genl. Amherst/ to Lt. Govr. De Lancey-/ Dated Camp at Lake George 3d July 1759. / 20./ in Mr: G: Amherst's of July 27th. 1759.

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New York, 5th July 1759.-

Dear Sir,

I Enclose the Act passed two days ago for the Loan of £150,000; I Would have sent it away Yesterday by Express, as soon as it was Copied, but as the Post was Expected in and to Set out again this Morning, and Mr. Mortier being of Opinion that he should receive full Directions from Your Excellency by the Post, I deferred Sending it till now.

I Have Scored, in the Margin of the 6th page the Clause relating to Mr. Mortier's draw:=ing the Bills on the Paymaster General, by which You will See, it is to be done, by Your Consent and Approbation Signified in Writing under Your hand, that this Colony shall be kept harmless Indemnified of, and from all Costs, Charges and Damages that may happen or Accrue by means of this Loan.

Your Excellency will therefore be pleased to Order Mr. Mortier to Draw the Bills and to give Assurances in Writing nearly in the Words of the Act, that this Colony shall be kept harmless Vca; and upon Mr. Mortier's pro:=ducing these the Treasurer will as soon as

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the Money is printed and Signed, pray it over to him.

I Acknowledge the favor of Your Ex:-cellency's of the 30th June, and Am, with the greatest Regard,

Pca.

James De Lancey.

His Excellency
General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Lt Govr: De Lancey/ to General Amherst./ Dated at New York 5th July 1759./ 21./ in Mr: G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit to the Amount of One hundred and fifty thou=sand pounds, to Enable His Majesty's General to Pay the Debts Contracted, and to Carry on His Majesty's Service in North America, and for Sinking the Same within Twelve Months.

Whereas His Excellency Major General Amherst Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, hath by his Letter of the Eighth day of June, One thousand Seven hundred & fifty nine, Represented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, that considerable Expences have necessarily been Incurred for the Preparations of the Campaign; That the Military Chest was Exhausted; And that large demands were daily and pressingly made upon the Deputy Paymaster General; And that the Agents of the Con=tractors for Money, were Unable to furnish the Sums necessary to Carry on His Majesty's Service; That therefore the General in this distress was Compelled to have Recourse to him, and to request him to Move the Council and General Assembly of this Colony, for a Loan of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds, New York Currency, in Bills of the Colony, Redeemable within Twelve Months

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after their date, by Money's as hereafter Directed to be paid, or Arising from the Produce of Bills of Exchange, to be Drawn by the said Deputy Pay: =master General, on the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces. All which having been laid be: =fore them by His Honour's Message of the Twenty Sixth of June, His Majesty's Faithfull and Loyal Subjects of the Colony of New York, ever Willing and Solicitous to give fresh proofs of their Duty to the King, and of their Zeal for His Service, and that nothing in their power may retard the general Operations, or the Success of His Majesty's Arms, Have in this Exigency readily
[2] and Chearfully / agreed to the said Loan, Not: =withstanding so large an Emission might possibly effect the Credit of the Paper Currency which this Colony hath always been carefull to preserve.
Be it therefore Enacted by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the Same, that Bills of Credit to the Value of One hundred and Fifty thousand Pounds Current Money of New York, shall forthwith, after the Publication hereof, be printed as followeth (Viz) Three thousand Bills of Twenty four pounds Each; Three thousand Bills of Twelve Pounds Each;

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and Seven thousand Bills of Six pounds Each; Upon which said Bills shall be Impressed the Arms of the City of New York, on the Right Side of every of the said Bills, and under the Arms in different Characters these Words, "Tis Death to Counterfeit this Bill"; And the said Bills shall in the forms following, that is to Say, Three thousand of them thus, "By a Law of the Colony of New York this Bill shall pass Current for Twenty four pounds. New York the Twentieth of July, One thousand Seven Hundred and fifty nine." Other Three thousand of them thus, "By a Law of the Colony of New York, this Bill shall pass Current for Twelve pounds, New York, the Twentieth of July, One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Nine;" And Seven thousand of them, Thus "By a Law of the Colony of New York, this Bill shall pass Current for Six pounds. New York the Twentieth of July, One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Nine.— Which said Bills shall be Sign:=ed by Messieurs John Van Cortlandt, Theodorus Van Wyck, Isaac Roosevelt, and Peter Stuyvesandt, or any three of them, and Numbered by any One of them, and in Case of the Death of any of the said Persons the said Bills shall

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[3] /be Signed by the Majority of the Survivors of them. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Signers are hereby directed and Impowered, upon the delivery to them of the Said Bills by the Printer thereof, to Administer unto him, and he is hereby directed to take An Oath in the Words following, Viz: " I A B do Declare that from the time the Letters were Set and fit to be put into the Press for Printing the Bills of Credit now by me delivered to You, until the Bills of Credit now by me delivered to You, until the Bills were Printed, and the Letters afterwards distributed into the Boxes, I went at no time out of the Room in which the said Letters were, without Locking them up so that they could not be come at with: =out Violence, a False Key, or Other Art then unknown to me; And therefore to the best of my knowledge, are here delivered unto You, to: =gether with the Stamps; and in all things re: =lating to this Affair, I have well and truly de: =meaned Myself according to the true Intent and meaning of the Law in that Case made, to the best of my knowledge and Understanding, So help me God." And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Persons herein Appointed

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to Sign the said Bills of Credit, shall take an Oath before a Magistrate of the City of New York, Each of them, well and truly to perform what by this Act they are Enjoyned as their Duty, and will knowingly Sign no more Bills of Credit, than as by This Act is directed; And if it shall happen that more of the said Bills shall be Printed than by this Act is directed, when the said John Van Cortlandt, Theodorus Van Wyck, Isaac Roosevelt, and Peter Stuyvesandt, or any two of them have Signed the Number here: by directed to be Issued, they shall immediately [4] burn and destroy all the /Remainder. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Elisha Gallaudet or such Other Person as the Major part of the Said Signers of the Said Bills of Credit shall agree with, shall Engrave according to the directions he shall receive from the Ma: =jority of the said Signers, Nine Stamps for the Sides and Tops of the said Bills, and shall deliver them to the Treasurer, who shall in the presence of the Majority of the said Signers, de: =liver them, together with the Stamps of the Arms of the City of New York, now in his Custody, unto William Weyman, upon his Receipt for the Same; And when the said William Weyman has

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finished and Compleated the Printing the Quantity and Sorts of Bills hereby directed to be Struck and Issued, he shall redeliver the Said Stamps to the said Signers and Treasurer who are hereby required and directed to Seal them up with their Several Seals, and they are so to remain in the Treasury untill they shall be Ordered to be made use of by any future Act of the Legislature, and the Receipt of the said Treasurer to the said William Weyman shall be a Sufficient Discharge for such redelivery. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Bills of Credit Enacted and Appointed by this Act to be Current, shall be received by the Treasurer of this Colony in all Public Payments, and for any Fund at any time in the Treasury, and by any Person within this Colony in all Cases whatsoever during the time they are Enacted to Continue, and be as effectually Current as any other Bills of Credit [E] made Current in this Colony, by any Act of the Governor, Council and General Assembly. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall Counterfeit any of the Bills of Credit made Current by this Act, or shall Alter any of the Bills made Current as aforesaid, so that they shall appear to be of

greater Value than by this Act, the same Bill or Bills so altered, were Enacted, Signed or Numbered to pass Current for, or shall knowing: =ly pass or give in payment any of the Bills aforesaid, so Counterfeited or Altered, Every Person guilty of Counterfeiting or Altering any of the said Bills as aforesaid, or of knowingly passing or giving in payment any such Counterfeited or Al: =tered Bills, shall be Guilty of Felony, and being thereof Convicted Shall Suffer the pains of Death, without Benefit of Clergy. And though such Counterfeiting, Altering, or knowingly passing Counter: =feited or Altered Bills shall be done out of this Colony, Yet any Grand Jury within the City and County of New York, is hereby Empowered to pre: =sent the Same, and to Set forth in the Indict: =ment, the place where, by their Evidence, it appeared that the fact was Committed, which Indictment is hereby declared good, notwithstand: =ing that the place Alledged, be out of this Colony; And the Petty Juries on the Tryal of all such Issues, shall be returned from the Body of the City and County of New York, any Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Bills of Credit made. Struck, and Issued

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by Virtue of this Act shall be and remain Cur:
-rent from the day of the date of the Same,
for and during the Term of One whole Year.
[6] And be it Enacted by that Authority aforesaid
that the said Signers / shall, and they are here:
=by directed and required immediately to deliver
all the aforesaid Bills of Credit by them Num:
=bered, and Signed as aforesaid unto the Treasurer
of this Colony to be paid out by him as by
this Act directed. And be it Enacted by the
Authority aforesaid, that the Treasurer of this
Colony for the time being, after he shall have
received the Bills of Credit herein before directed
to be delivered unto him, shall, and he is here:
=by directed and required to Pay the Same
unto Abraham Mortier Esqr. Deputy Paymaster
General, or to the Deputy Paymaster General for
the time being, upon his drawing and Lodging
in the hands of the said Treasurer a Set or
Sets of Bills of Exchange at Sixty days Sight,
on the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces,
for the Sum of Three hundred & Seventy five
Thousand Spanish Milled Dollars, Equal to the
Sum of One hundred & Fifty thousand Pounds
New York Currency, by the Consent and Approba:
=tion of the General and Commander in Chief of

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all Its Majestys Forces in North America, Signi=fied in Writing under his hand, and also up=on Assurances in Writing under the hand of the said General or Commander in Chief, that this Colony shall be kept harmless and Indemnified off and from all Costs, Charges and Damages that may happen or Accrue, by means, or on Account of the Loan by this Act Grant=ed, untill the said Money shall be fully Re=placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this Colony. And be it Enacted by the Au=thority aforesaid that the Bills of Exchange so to be drawn and Lodged in the Treasury by the said Deputy Paymaster General be made payable to Abraham Depeyster Esquire, Treasurer of this Colony, or to the Treasurer thereof for the time being; And if it should so happen that the Money for the Amount of the Said Bills should not be paid into the Treasury in the time [7] limited / by this Act, Then, and in such Case it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Treasurer, and he is hereby directed and required to Negotiate the Same, and the Money arising in Consequence of such Negotiation, he shall Use his Utmost Endeavours to Exchange for Bills of Credit made Current by this Act, which

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Bills so procured shall be kept in the Treasury ready to be Cancelled in manner as is directed in and by an Act Entitled [An Act for the more Effectually Cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony] passed in the Twenty first Year of His Majesty's Reign. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Treasurer shall keep Exact Books of all the respective Receipts and Payments by Virtue of this Act, and true and just Accompts shall render thereof upon Oath to the Lieutenant Governor, or Comm: =mander in Chief for the time being, the Coun: =cil, or General Assembly, when by them, or any of them, thereunto required.

Province of New York: This Act was passed by the General Assembly on the Second day of July 1759, And on the third day of July 1759 was passed by the Council, and Assented to by the Lieutenant Governor; And the aforewritten is a true Copy of the Original Act Examined by me—

Geo: Banyar D Secry.

Endorsed Copy— An Act for Emitting Bills / of Credit to the Amount of One hundred /

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and Fifty thousand Pounds, to Enable His / Majesty's General to pay the Debts Contracted, / and to Carry on His Majesty's Service in / North America; and for Sinking the Same / within Twelve Months, New York 3d. July 1759. / Enclosed in the Lt Govrs to Genl. Amherst of the 5th. July. - / 22. / in M. G. Amherst's of July 29th 1759.

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Camp at Lake George 8th July 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Am this moment favor'd with Yours of the 5th Instant, together with a Copy of the Act passed by the Council and Assented to by You, for granting a Loan of £150,000 - New York Cur:=rency, for Carrying on His Majesty's Service, agre:=able to my Request, and the Terms proposed by my Letter of the 23d Ultimo; for which Signal Mark of Your Zeal in promoting the public Service, I beg leave to return You my most sin:=cere thanks, and must also desire that You will be pleased to Signify to the Council and Assembly of New York the true Sense I have of their Loyalty to the King and their Zeal for His Service, in so readily and Chearfully Contributing towards it by their Compliance with Your Motion, and my Request; which Conduct they may be Assured, I shall not fail to Repre:=sent to His Majesty's Ministers in that just Light it deserves; And as nothing is more just than that the Province should be kept harmless & Im:=demnified from all Costs, Charges and Damages, that may happen or Accrue by means of this Loan, which I have already given Assurances

of to You by my Letter of the 3d Instant, I again this day Repeat to Mr. Mortier, the Deputy Paymr. General, that he do Draw and Lodge in the hands of the Treasurer of the said Province for the time being, a Sett, or Setts of Bills of Exchange at Sixty days Sight on the Paymaster General of His Majestys Forces for the Sum of Three Hundred & Seventy Five Thousand Spanish Milled Dollars, Equal to the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Thousand Pounds New York Currency; And as an Additional Security to the Colony, I do hereby Engage that they shall be kept harmless and Im: =demnified of, and from all Costs, Charges & Damages that may happen or Accrue by means, or on Ac: =count of the Loan Granted by the above men: =tioned Act, untill the said Money shall be fully replaced in the hands of the Treasurer of the Colony -

Nothing remains for me now, but to de: =sire that the Bills of Credit may be, as soon as possible, Emitted and paid over to Mr. Mor: =tier, that he may, without loss of time, repair to Albany, in order to Answer the great and pressing Demands of Money there; And as I am Sensible that it is Chiefly Owing to Your Influence that this Negotiation has been Attended with so much Success and Dispatch, I cannot

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forbear once more, Expressing to You my true Sense of Your readiness upon all Occasions, to forward and promote the Common Cause, & of Assuring You how sincerely I am,

Yr &a

Jeff: Amherst.

The Hon.ble Lt. Gov.r De Lancey -

Endorsed Copy- Letter from Genl. Amherst / to Lt. Gov.r De Lancey-/ Dated Camp at Lake George 8th July 1759./ 23./ in M.r J. Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Extract/

Philadelphia 21st June 1759-

Sir

I Send You the Title of a Bill which is passed. There are many objections to this Re emitting Act, but the reasons urged in the enclosed Letter, wrote by Brigr Genl. Stan: =wise, Obliged me to pass it. Be so good as to justify my Conduct to the Kings Ministers the first Opportunity, for I run a great haz: =ard in passing this Bill for His Majesty's im: =mediate Service.

William Denny-

General Amherst/

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from / Governor Denny to / Major General Amherst / Philadelphia 21st June 1759- / 24. / in M: G: Amherst's of July 29th 1759.

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Title of a Bill for Lending the Government £50,000 Phil.a Curr.y

"An Act for Re-emitting the Bills of Credit of this Province heretofore Re-emitted on Loan, and for Striking the further Sum of Thirty Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds And to Enable the Trustees to Lend Fifty Thousand Pounds to Colonel John Hunter, Agent for the Contractors with the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for His Majesty's Service."

Endorsed Copy / Title of a Bill for Lending the / Government £50,000 Phil.a Curr.y / Enclosed in Gov.r Dennys to Gen: Amherst / of the 21.st June 1759. / 25. / in M.r G. Amhersts of July 27.th 1759.

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Philadelphia, 15th June 1759.

Sir,

Finding that agreable to my Application to the Assembly for the Loan of a Sum of Money to carry on the Public Service, they have grant:=ed Fifty Thousand Pounds Currency to the King, upon certain Conditions to be perform'd by Colonel Hunter and myself, to which We both Agree; but as You Mention that by the Bill there are Difficulties laid upon You, as being Contrary to the Proprietary Instructions which I must beg You will please to Wave at this most Critical Conjuncture, as without this Sum proposed by the House to be Lent to His Majesty, it will be impossible to Carry on the Offensive Opera:=tions, and the building a Fort Ordered by His Majesty in His Instructions, and I shall take the first Opportunity of laying Your Con:=duct before the Commander in Cheif, who will Justify it to the King's Ministers.

I am.,

Vrã

John Stanwix.

Governor Denny—

Endorsed

Copy.

Camp at Lake George 30th June 1759.

Sir,

Yesterday I was favored with Your Letter of the 21st Instant, Accompanying the Title of a Bill to Enable the Trustees to Lend £50,000, for Carrying on His Majesty's Service, and the Copy of a Letter Wrote to You, by Brigr. General Stanwix, to Induce You to Pass the Same, tho' Contrary to Your Proprietary Instructions, as without Such Your Assent, the Money could not be Obtained, nor His Majesty's Orders carried into Execution; In Consideration of which, notwithstanding the great Hazard You run, You have at this Instance and for the good of the Service, Waved Your Proprietary Instructions, and passed the Bill, desiring Therefore that I would Justify Your Conduct therein to the King's Ministers the first Opportunity.

As I am Sensible that Brigr. General Stanwix was fully persuaded of the Absolute Necessity of Your Waving Your Proprietary Instructions upon so Critical a Conjuncture, and that without it, the Service must have Suffered, I cannot sufficiently thank You for having so very properly Weighed his Considerations, & so readily Complied with his Request,

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And that no detriment may result to You from Your Zeal for the Service, I shall not fail on the very first Occasion to Justify Your Conduct to the Kings Ministers, and make no doubt but it will meet with their entire Approbation.

I am,

Dear

Jeff: Amherst

Honble Govr Denny—

Endorsed Copy - Letter from General Amherst / To Governor Denny - / 30th June 1759 / 27: / Dated Camp at Lake George in M: G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Extract.

Philadelphia 20th June 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Received the favour of Your Letter by the Post this Morning, and have Sent every thing away from this place at least to Carlisle, and this day I had Appointed to have left it my:=self, but the Assembly has but this Moment passed the Bill of Lending His Majesty £50,000 Currency for One Year without Interest., for which I am to Join with Colonel Hunter in a Bond, and he to Lodge Bills of Exchange with Com:=missioners, to be Sold in Case the Contractors dos not find means to take up these Bills within the time Mentioned, but as Striking Paper Money is contrary to the Proprietary In:=structions I have Wrote to Govr. Denny to Waive them upon this so very pressing a Necessity, and without which the Service could not be Carried on here, as no Money, or the least hopes of Money from England, if any Clauses in the Bill that are not liked at home, presumed the King & Council will not pass it, so that all that's to be done at home, will be to reject the Bill, redeem the Bills of Exchange, and think I could not do more than borrow the

Money for a Year without Interest, for barrying on the Current Service, which this will Answer and raise the Exchange again to 155, where We found it; but this Sum will not by any means, pay the Arrears due to the Country, but have Ordered Numbers of the Claimants to be paid, who have been by this means Courted to Enter again into the Service; and propose to pay the Rest of the Certificates of their Debts as Settled by the Commissioners as it can be done without Impeding the present Service, for our Credit is so bad here from the People's not being paid, that I have, and am Obliged to Deposit Money in the hands of a Creditable Person in Each of the Eight Counties in this Province, who have Advertized to pay the Carriages before they Set out, in part, and the rest as soon as they return.

Govr. Penny Chuses to Send You himself my Letter to him wherein I promise to take the first Opportunity of laying his Conduct before the Commander in Chief, who will Justify it to the Kings Ministers, which I have no doubt You will think it right to do, as the Necessity of the King's Affairs was such, that it was impossible to barry on the Service without a Loan of some Sort from the Government

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here; and as this is done without Interest, I hope it will not be looked upon as a bad Bargain for the Reasons I have Observed to You in the first part of this Letter.

John Stanwix.

Hts Excell.y General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract - Letter from Brig.r / General Stanwix to Gen.l Amherst / Dated Philadelphia 20th June 1759 / 98 / in M: G: Amherst's of July 27th 1759

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Extract.

Camp at Lake George 4th July 1759.

I Congratulate You upon the passing of the Bill for a Loan of £60,000, which was certainly absolutely necessary to Enable You to Carry on the Service, and the Terms upon which You Obtain'd it, Seem to me very Equitable; Gov.r Denny Sent me the Title of the Bill, together with the Copy of Your Letter to Induce him (Notwithstanding the Striking of Paper Money is Contrary to his Proprietary Instructions) to give his Assent thereto, which he had accordingly done, and I have not failed of Approving his Conduct therein, Assuring him at the same time, that I should Justify him for so doing, to the Kings Ministers.

Your depositing part of that Money with Creditable Persons, in Each of the Respective Counties, to Enable them to pay the Owners of Carriages in part, beforehand, is also a very proper Measure, from which I flatter myself, You will have felt the good Effects, by having had a much greater Number of them than Otherwise You might have hoped for.

Jeff: Amherst.

Brig.r General Stanwix.—

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Return of the Kill'd, Wounded, & Missing of His Majesty's Forces, under the Command of His Excellency Major Genl. Amherst, from the 22d July the day the Army Landed to the 26th Inclusive, the day the Enemy Abandon'd the Fort. Camp at Ticonderoga July the 27th 1759

Regiments.	Colonels		Lieut. Colonels		Majors		Captains		Lieuts.		Ens.s		Adjutants		Qr. Masters		Serjeants		Rank & File.		Rank and File Missing.
	Killed.	Wounded.	Kill'd.	Wound'd.	Kill'd.	Wounded.	Kill'd.	Wounded.	Kill'd.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.	
Detatch.t of the Roy.l Reg.t of Art.y																					
Royal																			5	9	
Late Forbes's																			2	8	
Inniskillingers																			2	1	
Roy.l Highlanders																			1		
Prideaux's																				3	
Montgomerys																			2	6	
Gages																			1	2	
Grenad.rs of the Army																				10	
Light Infantry of Ditto											1									8	1
Rangers, & Indians																				2	
Provincial Forces																			3	2	
Total											1								16	51	1

The Honourable Colonel Townshend Deputy Adjt General Killed the 25th —

Jeffy Amherst.

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Fort Edward.

June 20th The General having got most of the troops up with provisions, batteaüs and carriages, is determined to set forward to the lake to morrow, leaving here Montgomerij's and the New Hampshire Regt.

Two more posts are made to secure the communication to the lake, one at hr"f way brook, where the Royal Highland Regt and one Connecticut Regt are posted, the other four miles further, where the Royal, Prideaux's, and New Jersey Regts are posted.

21st The Army marched out of camp at day break in two columns, Royal Highland Regt joined us upon the march, we halted at the furthermost post, & the whole got to their ground, & were encamped before dusk at the Lake.

23d Letters from Louisbourg the Fleet sailed out of the harbour the 6th inst

25th The New Jersey Regt marched into camp.

26th The last of the Batteaüs, and Whale boats came in this day.

Letters from Brigadier Prideaux at the east end of the Oneida lake, every thing going on well there: the Indians join him heartily.

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30th Since the 26th provisions have been coming in daily, there is near two months provisions for the whole army here at present.

July 1st Today Artillery stores come in. two men arrived here who were prisoners with the Indians at Oswegatchi, and made their escape from thence, they fell in at the four miles post, after having been 27 days out, travelling through an unknown country, their description of it is, that 'tis very mountainous, the bottoms deep, and swampy, that they crossed several ponds, and lakes, one in particular they judged might be three miles across. they say the Oswegatchi Indians have received a threatening message from the five nations, if they should act against us: that four scouts have been out this year from thence, and returned unsuccessfull, two scouts were out when they came away, which are probably those, that have lately done some mischief in the Mohawk River

Brigadier Whetmore sends an account from Louisbourg, that Capt Stobo, and Lt Stevens, who have been prisoners at Quebec, made their escape from thence the 1st of May, with three more prisoners, all with arms in a bannoe, after going down the River seven days, they saw a fleet of

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14 sail, which must be the same Mons.r Bou-
=quainville came with; they saw a sloop, boarded
her, and took her, and afterwards took a
Schooner, and burned her, got safe to St. John's
Island, and from thence to Louisbourg. they
say the enemy wanted provisions much, that
their whole force was then marched to St. John's,
to be equally ready for Quebec Montreal, and
Ticonderoga.

Brigadier Whitmore sent Capt. Stobo im-
=mediately after Genl. Wolfe.

2d A party of Indians, this morning, at-
=tacked a working party of the New Jersey
Regt. near our advanced post upon the left,
they killed, and scalped six, wounded two,
and six are missing. they were pursued by
the light infantry, and Rangers, and were
seen to go off, in eleven bannoes; some Regulars
with them.

3d. Montgomery's, the New Hampshire, and
Willard's Massachuset Regt. (who has joined since
we came to the Lake) marched into camp this
evening, with all the Artillery from Fort Edward.

8th From the 3d. to this time, Waggons have
been continually coming in from Fort Edward
with Stores &ca, many hands have been, and

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are still employed in laying the foundation of a Fort, to be carried on here during our absence, under the direction of Colonel Montresor.

Thirty yards on each side the road to Fort Edward has been cleared of wood

a general hospital is building, and all the batteaüs, and whale boats are repairing of the damage done by carriage, which is not little.

a party of Rangers, that had been across the Lake upon a scout, came in today; they saw Capt. Jacobs with a party of Indians at the narrows upon their return from a scout, pursued by some canoes, and heard some shots fired 9th Some of Jacobs's party came in, the canoes drove them in shore, on the west side of the Lake, where they landed, and the enemy Indians pursued them closely, they imagine that Capt. Jacobs with the remainder of the party, are killed, or taken prisoners. –

10th A Field day of the four Regular Regiments in Camp.

11th Whiting's Connecticut Regt. marched into camp, from the three miles post, and Prideaux's marched from the four miles post, to the three miles post.

12th Four Companies of Grenadiers and a Captain,

Subalterni, and sixty men of Gages's in batteaüs, commanded by Major Campbell, and Major Rogers with an hundred Rangers, and Indians in Whale boats, went out this morning an hour before day break, taking with them a row gally with an 18 pounder, their orders were, to row along the east side of the Lake to the narrows; for two or three of the whale boats to advance, and endeavour to entice out any party of the enemy, that might be laying at the narrows; the batteaus laying hid by the Islands, and ready to receive any thing that the whale boats might lead into the snare; upon a great superiority, they were to retreat to a point of land on the west side, where the picquets of the line were to cover them. - the whale boats advanced, discovered the enemy upon an Island, who fired upon them, killed a Serjeant, and wounded an Indian, the Whale boats returned it, and killed an Indian, the enemy took to their canoes, and the batteaus came up to support the whale boats, but fired their cannon too soon at the canoes; had they kept it undiscovered, till they were near enough to do execution with grape shot, they might have given a very good account

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of them: after this discovery the enemy took care to keep at a distance, and made off. they had about twenty canoes, chiefly Indians.-

13th (Thirteen rafts making for Cannon.) a Ra:=deau building, and half finished. the Sloop that was sunk in the Lake last year, is got up, and compleated, Capt. Loring having been about it, almost ever since we came here.

14th Lyman's Connecticut Regt and 1 Battalion of Ruggles's Massachusets Regt with two Companies of the New Jersey Regt and 2 Companies of Rangers, marched into Camp this afternoon from Halfway Brook.

15th 120 men of Montgomery's joined their Regiment from Pittsburg.

Three Companies of light infantry, a Company of Grenadiers 250 men of Grant's, commanded by Major Gladwin, and 60 men, of the Inniskilling Regt were ordered out in boats this evening at 10 o'clock to row to the narrows, to discover any parties of the enemy upon the Islands.

16th the detachment that went out in boats last night, came in this morning, without having made any discovery.

17th The General received intelligence from Lt: Haldimand (who is left with 1300 men to build a Fort at Oswego) that Gent. Prideaux set out

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from thence the 1st. inst. to proceed to Niagara; that on the 5th Col: Haldimand having entrenched his post, perceived in the morning a body of the enemy surrounding his post; they lay the whole day amongst the cut wood, and kept firing at a great distance; at night they went off. but returned the next morning, when the greatest part of them seemed moving up to the left of the entrenchment, where he had three pieces of cannon, upon firing of which, they all took to logs, and after remaining a short time, moved off.

Col. Haldimand saw them afterwards in batteaus upon the Lake.

five deserters came in to him, who say, that this party was commanded by the Chevr. de la Corne, that it consisted of 2 or 300 of the Marine 1300 Canadians, and 150 Indians (the General judges it might consist of about half that number) de la Corne had assured them, that we had only 500 men at that post, and that they should certainly surprize us; that a french priest l'Abbé Picquet marched with them till they made the attack, then gave them his benediction, and recommended it to them to give no quarter. We had two men killed, two Officers and eleven men wounded, the loss of the enemy not known,

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except an Officer of the Marine killed, and the Governour of La Galette wounded.

(to-day we are loading the Artillery stores. 500 men at work cutting a communication, through the wood upon the right of the road to Fort Edward, to fall into the old road beyond the next post.

A Flag of truce came in this evening, with a letter from Monsr. Montcalm to the General, dated from Montreal.

13th. The Flag of truce returned at day break, we heard by it, that Capt. Jacobs, and some of his party that have been missing since the 9th were taken, and carried to Montreal.

(continued loading, and mounting the Artillery upon rafts. the new communication con:=tinued. a very good post is almost finished, with stone, and log, for the party that remains here, to go on with the new Fort; and near three acres, of ground is cleared, and laid out for greens for the sick men.

19th. The General received a letter from the Lt. Governour at New York, mentioning that the 2d Battalion of Royal Highlanders, and drafts from some of the Regiments that were at Guardaloupe, were arrived at New York, to join this army, but

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they were so sickly, that it would be some time before any number would be fit to join.

20th: The Radeau being finished, and all the Artillery near embarked, the General gave orders for the Army to be ready to embark at any hour in the night; after orders, to strike their tents at 2 o'clock to morrow morning.

The Royal, and Prideaux's Regiment march=ed into Camp—

21st The Army begun to embark at day break and the whole set off, except a few boats of the Artillery) about nine o'clock.

the whole was drawn up in four columns, each column rowing two boats abreast; the 1st column consisted of Rangers, light infantry of Regiments, Grenadiers, and the two provincial Regts of Willard, and 2d Battn of Ruggles.

2d column, the two brigades of Regulars.

3d column, Artillery with the Radeau in front, and the two provincial Regiments, of Schuyler, and 1st Battn of Ruggles.

4th column, Provincials. Gage's light infantry rowing in a line abreast, covering the four columns in front.

Whitings provincial Regt in a line abreast, cover=ing the four columns in the rear.

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The Halifax Sloop cruized in the rear of the whole.

the wind favoured us very much, and we got to the second narrows in time to bring up the rear before dark. Brigadier Gage who was left behind to see every boat off, joined us. we lay upon the lake all night, the heads of the columns closing in, and the two boats abreast tied, to prevent separating as much as possible.

22.d at day break the 1st column advanced, and landed on the east side, within about two miles of the enemy's advanced guard, and were ordered to march round to the Saw-Mills, in order to cut off, any party of the enemy, that we might force at the advanced guard; that the 1st column, might have time to get round, and post themselves properly, the rest of the Army, did not land 'till three hours after, which was ef:=fected in great good order, at the advanced guard on the east side; as every Regiment landed, it drew up on the beach, and marched off directly along the road to the Saw-Mills; When Forbes's Regiment, (which lead the column, covered by Gage's light infantry marching in front) came within sight of the Saw Mills, they halted; the Rangers had just passed the bridge, and the rest of the

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1st column were drawn up near the bridge, to be ready to march over, and support them, the Ran: =gers met with a party of French, and Indians, attacked them, and drove them, took an Officer of the Milice, and two prisoners, killed, and scalped a few more. The Grenadiers and light infantry marched over, and with the Rangers took possession of the heigths; very strong ground it is, and worth disputing, but the enemy were rather surprized, they had received no in: =telligence of us 'till 8 o'clock this morning, and then gave very little credit to it. Wellard's Regt and Ruggles's 2d Battn marched, and took post on a hill to the eastward, which commands the Fort of Tionderoga, on the opposite side of the River.

Gage's light infantry march'd over the bridge, and a post was made on the most commanding ground.

The Regular Regiments upon the road, covering the whole ground, from the Saw Mills to the landing place, two provincial Regts were order'd to clear the road of felled trees, which were laid very thick all along the road, to obstruct our march, this they did in so short a time, that we got two 12 pounders, and two six pounders

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from the landing place, to the Saw Mills before night.

Forbes's, & the provincial Regts of Lyman, and Babcock, marched over the bridge in the afternoon, the rest of the Army laid upon their arms on the road, except Whiting's Regt that was left as a guard upon the batteaus.

a party of the enemy shewed themselves in the afternoon, upon a hill, on the right of the Saw Mills, and kept firing at a great distance; they appeared to have a breast work there.

Some Indians came up to the front of Gage's, fired, and made off, and others fell in at night with some of our Sentries upon the road.

A Sloop appeared in the River, on the other side the Fort, and intelligence was sent from Ruggles's post, that the enemy were seen loading batteaus, and some making off towards Lake Champlain.

The General ordered the army to be ready to march at break of day.

23d. The Army had begun their march, leaving proper posts at the Saw Mills, and to secure the communication on the road; when intelligence came in from Ruggles's post, that the enemy had abandoned the lines, a few Sentries only appearing there, that they had set fire to something in

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the Fort, and were loading batteaüs.

The Army marched the shortest way, over the gullies, by the side of the River, very bad ground, and in about two hours time the left came within sight of the lines, we found them abandoned, and left entire, the enemy had re=tired to the Fort, and upon our first appearance, fired some cannon.

The Rangers, light infantry, and Grena=diers, marched to the left, to the Lake side, and took post in the wood along the Swamp, the two brigades of Regulars, took post along the lines, and every Regt: flung up a banquet. the Pro=vincials in the skirts of the wood, extending from the river upon the right, to the light in=fantry: in this manner the Fort becomes invested.

The Enemy have been firing the whole day from the Fort, and have thrown a great many shells.

The whole Army lay upon their arms this night.

24th Begun our approaches last night, not much work done, as the men have been a good deal fatigued.

two 12 pounders, and two howitzers came up in the night.

some Indians fired upon a Company of

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Rangers advanced upon our left, the Rangers returned the fire, and the Indians made off.

an alarm upon our left in the night, a Company of light Infantry begun the fire, which was continued by some others, directly contrary to the Generals orders; not to fire in the night upon any account but to stand fast and receive the enemy with the bayonet. an Officer of Forbes's was killed, and some men wounded.

The General ordered the New Hampshire Regt to embark, and cross Lake George, to proceed to Oswego, to help build the Fort there: and that Brigadier Prideaux, may find at his return, full force sufficient to proceed, the General has likewise sent him 350 men, the whole fit for duty, out of 693 drafts from Guardaloupe.

The enemy have fired all day, and have thrown a great many shells into Camp, doing very little execution.

25th The enemy fired, and threw Shells, into Camp, and at our approaches all last night, the two Brigades of Regulars got no rest, as they were obliged to watch the Shells, for their security.

an alarm along the line little before day break this morning, owing to a picquet of Forbes's, in the trenches mistaking a working party upon

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the right, for the enemy. The General went along the line immediately, and highly disap:=proved of the conduct of some that fired from the lines, contrary to his repeated orders.

Fascines are making for the batteries, viz, 24 pounders, and some 12 p^rs are got up to the Artillery park.

two batteries are erecting, one upon the right, about 400 yards from the Fort, and one upon the left about 450, besides two Mortar batteries.

The Flat bottom boat, is brought up from the Artillery landing place, on this side the Saw:=Mills, and put into the Lake, and some Whale boats are bringing up, to intercept some of the enemy's boats upon the lake.

some of the enemy's batteaus seemed to day to be preparing for a run.

Colonel Townshend was killed this after:=noon by a cannon ball.

the enemy have fired very briskly all day, and have thrown a great many shells into camp, killing a few men, and wounding several, towards evening they ceased, we imagine they have burst one mortar.

The Royal Regt. does the duty of the trenches this night, which was done before by picquets.

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26th. The enemy kept firing, and throwing shells all last night at times, and have con:=tinued this whole day; that it is imagined they must ruin their cannon, and mortars, except they have a change of each.

Our batteries will be ready to begin firing to morrow morning, at day break, the Platforms are laying this evening, and the cannon are coming down from the Artillery park.

Duty in the trenches done this night by Forbes's.

The picquets of the line ordered to assemble near the Sally port, in the center of our lines, to march out upon occasion.

Major Rogers to go out this evening, with a party in the flat bottom boat, and endeavour to cut the boom, which the enemy have laid across, from the point below the Fort, to the opposite shore.

This afternoon a party of Indians attack:=ed a working party of Worster's Connecticut Regt: killed, and scalped three; they were closely pursued.

a batteau with some Waggoners crossing Lake George, and running negligently in shore, without keeping watch, was seized by a party of Indians, and every man scalped.

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The enemy's boats appeared upon the lake this afternoon, some running in to the opposite shore, and others making towards the Fort;

a little before dark we observed the enemy getting under arms in the covered way, and part of them came out upon the Glacis. the Garrison ceased firing, and about 9 o'clock three deserters came to Camp, and told us that the Garrison were then embarking in their bat: =teaux to make off; leaving a match to the Magazine, which would blow up the whole Fort, the General offered a hundred guineas, to any one of them, that would go back, & shew the match, that it might be cut, but they all declared, that they did not know, whereabouts it was laid as it was not done, before they came out, they said, there was so great a quantity of powder left in the Magazine, that they did not think us safe in our encampment.

about 11 o'clock we heard the explosion, and the whole Fort seemed to be on fire, they had left their colours flying, which a Serj.t and 4 men of Gage's light infantry rescued from the flames.

a party upon the left fell in with a party of french, of 20 men commanded by a

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Badet, who declared that they were left out of the Fort, and knew nothing of the enemy's having abandoned it, 'till they heard the explosion.

Intelligence from the Deserters.

That three thousand men composed of the two Battalions of Berri, and the Regiment La Reine, the picquets that remained in the Fort during the winter, detachm.ts from La Marine, and La Milice and three hundred Indians, were encamped in the lines, the day we landed, commanded by Mons.r de Bourlemarque, Brigadier General.

That they embarked in the evening in a great hurry, taking very few things with them, and leaving 400 men in the Fort they went and encamped, on a point of land, on this side Crown point, at a small distance from it, where they still remain.

That some troops are at St. Johns chieffly Colony, and are entrenching themselves in the Isle à la Noix, near St. Johns.

That they know nothing for certain of Quebec.

27.th The Fort continued burning, in the morning. the General ordered all the Camp Kettles, to be taken down there for water, to endeavour to extinguish the fire; the two sides of the Fort next

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the water are demolished, the other two sides remain entire, the flames had only reached the uppermost timbers, which may easily be repaired, if the fire can be stopped in time.

The General will not wait to repair the Fort, he will leave a Garrison there, and so soon as he gets the batteaus in to Lake Champlain, and builds a boat or two more for cannon, to be a match for the three Sloops which the enemy have at Crown point, he will then proceed, which I reckon will be in less than a fortnight.

I left the Camp in the afternoon, the Fort then burning, though not with so much violence, as in the morning.

Major Rogers had taken two of the enemy's batteaus, loaded with powder, that went off last night and had put into the Shore.—

Endorsed Lord. Amherst's Journal.

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Camp of Crown Point August 5th 1759.

Sir

I did myself the Honor of writing to you a very short Letter on the 27th July as I would not retard Lt Col Amherst from setting out that he might acquaint you of His Majestys Troops being in possession of the Fort and lines of Ticonderoga, and I now send Captain Prescott with this to inform you of the great Event of the reduction of Niagara, and at the same time to give you an account of my arrival here with a part of the Army under my immediate comand

The 27th I encamped within the Lines and began to level the Trenches and Batterys, filled up the Road I had made from Lake Champlain to the Saw Mill River for the carrying on the Siege, encamped four Battalions of Provincials near the Fort for repairing the works, sent 500 Men to Fort George for Provisions &ca ordered all the french boats to be fished up, and the Brig: and boats I had ordered to be built for carrying Guns to be finished in all haste that I may be superior to the Enemys Sloops on the Lake.

28th the fire was not totally extinguished,

I forwarded every thing as fast as possible that I might get Possession of Crown point without loss of time. [in the Afternoon I received an account of a most unlucky accident the death of Br General Prideaux who was walking in the Trenches on the Evening of the 19th, the Gunner carelessly fixed a Cohorn and shot him, when the approaches were within 140 Yards of the covered way.] Imm: =mediately ordered Br General Gage to set out for Oswego to take on him the comand of that Army

29th five Companys of Provincials arrived this day from the Provinces. intelligence that the Enemys Troops which were encamped on the eastern side of the Lake were now moved to Crown=point; I kept small Partys constantly looking from the Mountains into Crown Point, their two Sloops and a Schooner there, they de: =pend on my not getting boats over and that I shall be obliged to build some of force.

30th it rained hard last night and this day which put a great stop to getting the batteaus over the carrying place.

31st I ordered the Fort by the water side to be put in thorough good order and to be com: =pleated, as the Enemy had not quite finished it, ordered the Fort of Ticonderoga to be repaired upon

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the same plan as the Enemy had built it, which will save great time and Expences, as it is but a small part of the whole that is ruined, the boats the Enemy has been at in building the Fort and Stores are very great. the Glacis and covered way quite good. the Bounterscarp of the Glacis Masonry. the Bounterscarp of the Ditch Masonry. two Ravelins of Masonry that cover the only Front to which approaches can be carryed on. The Fort a Square with four Bastions, built with logs on the Rocks which are covered with some masonry to level the foundation. the wood part of it is the worse finished. one Bastion and a part of two Bourtins demolished but not in the Front that can be easiest attacked. the basemates are good, the Walls of the burnt Barracks are not damaged. Eleven good Ovens have helped greatly. as the Situation of the Fort is very advantagious for the protection of His Majestys Dominions, and the approaches may be rendered as difficult to the Enemy as they have been to the Kings Troops. and that there is no fault in it but its being small I have thought proper to have it repaired which I hope will meet with your approbation.

1st of August, at noon a Scouting party came in said the Enemy had abandoned Brown

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Point this makes no Alteration in my motions as I am already trying all I can to get forward, but on this I sent away Major Graham with all expedition to command the 2d Battalion of the Royal Highland Regt and to march them to Oswego, that in case from the unfortunate death of Br General Prideaux the reduction should not have taken place, Br General Gage may return to the attack with the utmost Vigor and dispatch and to pursue the ulterior operations of the Campaign.

2d very rainy weather put a Stop entirely to getting boats over the carrying place this day.

3d a party I had sent to Crown Point brought in a Deserter from late Forbes's in a french boat one that I had pardoned for desertion when I was at Fort George. I thought it so necessary to make an immediate example that I had him hanged directly. sent two hundred Rangers through the Woods to Crown point.

4th the General at two in the morning assembly half an Hour after, and the Rangers, Light Infantry, Grenadiers and two brigades of Regulars were soon embarked, except the Royal Highland Regiment that waited for boats which detained me some time I however arrived at Crown point before the Evening, landed and posted all

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the Corps, some encamped and some lay on their Arms. at night Lieut: Moncrief whom I had sent with Br General Prideaux arrived with a Letter from Sr William Johnson enclosing the Capitulation of Niagara, both which I have the satisfaction to send to you.

5th. I ordered Lt Colonel Eyre to trace out the Ground for a Fort which I will set about with all possible expedition. this Post secures entirely all His Majesty's Dominions that are behind it from the Incroads of the Enemy and the scalp-ing partys that have infested the whole Country, and it will give great peace and quiet to the Kings Subjects who will now settle in their habitations from this to New York. I shall take fast hold of it, and not neglect at the same time to forward every mea-sure I can to enable me to pass Lake Champlain, and you may be assured, Sir, I shall, to the best of my Capacity, try to pursue every thing for the Success and Honour of Hes Majestys Arms.

I am with the utmost Respect / Sir

Your most Humble

and most obedient

Servant

Jeff Amherst

Right Honorable Mr Pitt.

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Sr

I have the Honour to acquaint you by Lieu: =tenant Moncrieffe Niagara Surrendred to his Ma: =jestys Arms the Twenty fifth Instant. A Detach: =ment of Twelve Hundred Men with a Number of Indians under the Command of Messrs Aubry & Deligrery, Collected from Detroit, Venango & Presque Isle, Made an attempt to Reinforce the Garrison the Twenty fourth in the Morning. But as I had Intelligence of them, I made a Disposition to In: =tercept them. The Evening before I orderd the Light Infantry, & Picquets to take Post on the Road upon our Left Leading from Niagara Falls to the Fort; In the Morning, I Reinforcd these with two Companys of Grenadiers and Part of the Forty Sixth Regiment. The action Begun about half after Nine; But they were so well Re: =ceivd by the Troop's in front & the Indian's on their Flank, that in an Hours time the whole was Compleatly Ruind, & all their Officers Made Prisoners, among whom are, Monsieur Clubry, De =ligrery, Marin, Repentini to the Number of Seven: =teen. I cannot ascertain the Number of the Killd, they are so dispersd among the Woods, But their Loss is Great. As this Happend under the eyes of the Garrison, I thought Proper to send my Last

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Summons to the Commanding Officer for his Surrender, which He Listend to. I enclose you the Capitulation; Mr Moncrieffe will inform you of the state of our Ammunition & Provisions; I hope Care will be taken to forward an Immediate Supply of Both to Oswego. As the Troops that were Defeated Yesterday were drawn from those Posts which Lye in General Stanwix's Rout. I am in hopes it will be of the utmost Consequence to the Success of His Expedition. The Publick Stores of the Garrison, that can be saved from the Indians, I shall order the Assistant Qr Master General & the Bleck of Stores to take an account of, as soon as Possible.

As all my attention at present is taken up with the Indians, that the Capitulation I have agreed to may be Observd, Your Excellency will excuse me for not being More Particular.

Permit me to assure you, in the whole Progress of the Siege, which was Severe and Painfull, the Officers & Men behavd with the utmost Chearfullness & Bravery I have only to Regrett the Loss of General Prideaux and Colonel Johnson; I endeavourd to Pursue the Late Generals Vigorous Measures; the good effects of Which he deservd to Enjoy.

With earnest good wishes for your success,

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I have the Honour to be

Your Excellencys Most Obedient

And Most Humble Servant

Wm. Johnson

Niagara

July 25th 1759–

Endorsed Sir Wm. Johnson Bart. / Niagara 25th. July 1759. / R... 4th August. / original / Jeff Amherst / 1 / in M. Genl. Amherst's / of Aug. 5. 1759

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Articles de Capitulation pour le Fort et la Garnison de Niagara de sa Majesté Tres Chretienne Le Roy de France —

Art 1.e La Garnison Sortira avec Armes et Bagages, Tambour battant, Meche allumée par les deux bouts, une petite piece de Canon, pour S'em: =barque sur des Voitures qui seront
Accordé fournies par Monsieur le General de sa Majesté Brittannique pour être conduite à la Nouvelle York par le Chemin le plus court et dans le plus court espace de tems —

2.e La Garnison remettra ses Armes
Accordé en S'embarquant et conservera ses bagages

3.e Mess.rs les Officiers conserveront leur
Accordé Armes et Equipage.

4.e Les Dames et Femmes Françoise et leur Enfants qui sont ici, ainsi que L'aumonier seront renvoyés a
Accordé, excepté celle Montreal et il leur sera fourni par
qui seroient sujet Monsieur le Général de sa Majesté
de sa Majesté Brittannique, le voitures et subsistance
Brittannique necessaire pour le voyage et ce dans le plus court espace de tems qu'il

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Sera possible Jusqu'au premier poste
francoise, celles qui voudont suivre
leur Marie seront les Maitresse.

5e Les Malade et Blessé obligé de
rester dans le Fort pourront en
sortir avec tout ce qu'il leur ap:
-partient et seront conduire en
Accordé' Sureté, lorsqu'il Seront en état de
supporter le Voyage à la destination
du reste de la Garnison En attend:
=ant il sera fournie une Garde pour
veilles a leur seureté

6e Le Commandant et tous les Officiers
de Troupes elle même et tout ce qui
Accordé' est au service du sa Majesté Trés
Chrétienne sortiront de la place sans
être Sujet a aucun acte de re:
=presaille de quelque nature que se
puisse être et sous quelque pretexte
que ce soit_

7e Il sera fait un Inventaire de
Munition de Guerre qui se trouveront
Tous les Battimans et Batteaux, dans le Magazin ensemble L'Artillerie qui
sont compris sou_ cest Article. seront remises de bonne foi ainsi que les
L'on peut entendre ceux qui autres Effets de sa Majesté existant dans
sont Actuellement sur le pleton le Magazin Loiée de la Capitulation.
les Autres n'etant point a
Notre disposition

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L'heure

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8e. Les Soldats et Milicien ne sor:
Accordé =ont ni depoüilles ni separer de
leur Officiéres

9e. La Garnison sera conduitte avec
une escorte Jusqu'a L'endroit des:
=tiné pour son séjour. Monsieur le
Général recommendra expressement
à L'Escorte d'empecher que le
Accordé Sauvage n'approchent et n'insult:
=ent tout ce qui compóse le Gar:
=nison et ne la pillent lorsqu'elle
quittera ses armée et S'embarquera
elle aura le même Soin le long
de la route partout ou il pour:
=ra se rencontres des Sauwages.

10e. Il sera fait une Etat exacte
de nom et Surnom de Soldats
de differents troupes ainsi que
Accordé dans le des Miliciens et des autres em:
1e. Article =ployé pour sa Majesté tres Chre:
=tienne, les dits employir de quel
état qu'ils soient conserveront
leur équipage et auront le même
sort de la Garnison

11e. Tous les Sauwage de quelque
Accordé mais il est nation qu'il soient qui se

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a propros qu' il tachent a le faire en cachette -

trouveront ici, ne seront point insulté et seront point Insulté et seront libre de sortir du bon leur s'emblera.

pour demain a sept heure -

les Articles accepté il sera livrée une porte a Monsieur le General de sa Majesté Brittannique ce qui ne peut étre que demain.

Pouchot Capitaine du Regt. de Bearn commandt.

Vilar Capt. au Regt. La Sarre

Servien Capt. dans Royl. Roussillon

Sieur De la Roche Verney Capt. de Troupe de la Marine

Bournaffous Officier du Corps Royl. de L'Artillerie

Le Chirurgien qui reste avec les Malades en Recommande a Mons. Le General -

Cousnoyer Lt. des Troupes detaché de la marine

Soluignac Officier dans Bearne

Le Chr. De Larminac, Lt. de la marine

Joncaire Capt. de la marine

Morambert Lt. Chabert joncair dans Lyonne.

Copy of the original Capitulation in Sir Wm. Johnson's hands.

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Niagara 25th July 1759,

Remain of Ordnance & Stores at Niagara at the Time of its Surrendering to the English.-

	(Viz.)	
Iron Ordnance ...	14 Pdrs	2
	12	19
	11	1
	8	7
	6	7
	4	2
	2	5
Travelling Carriages	14 Pdrs	2
	12	12
	8	8
	6	5
Garrison Carriages	12 Pdrs	2
	8	4
	6	3
	4	2
Saddles with Staves	14 Pdrs	3
	12	12
	8	9
	6	7
	4	2
Spunges with Rammer Heads ..	12 Pdrs	16
	8	9
	6	10
	4	4

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Wadhooks with Staves		10
Lyardax de fieu	12 Pdrs	12
	8	6
	6	7
	4	3
Round Shot loose	12 Pdrs	150
	8	200
	6	2600
	4	100
Hand grenades		500
Intrenching Tools	Axes large	100
	Hand bills	300
	Hand hatchets	500
	Shovels Iron	300
	Mattocks	250
	Pick Axes	400
	Spades	50
	Whip Saws	12
Corn'd Powder	Lbs	15,000
Small Lead Shot & Balls	Do	40,000
Match	Cwt	2

Geo: Wray
Clerk of Stores.

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Return of Ordnance and Stores taken at Ticonderoga August the 3d 1759.

Species		Natures	Number
Ordnance Iron		18 Pounders	2
		16 Do	1
		12 Do	7
		9 Do	4
		6 Do	4
		4 Do	1
		Swivells	7
Mortars Do		13 Inch	2
		6½ Do	1
Howitzer Do		8 Do	1
Shott	Round Loose	24 Pounders	35
		18 Do	327
		12 Do	196
		9 Do	140
		6 Do	261
		4 Do	246
		1½ Do	12
	Grape Do	18 Do	4
		9 Do	8
		6 Do	2
		4 Do	5
Ladles with Staves		18 Do	2
		12 Do	2
		6 Do	1
		4 Do	1

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Species	Nature	Number
Spunges with Rammer heads	18 Pdrs	9
	12 Do	2
	6 Do	2
	4 Do	1
Wadhooks with Rammers	18 Do	1
	12 Do	1
	6 Do	1
	4 Do	1
Shells	13 Inch	27
	10 Do	3
	8 Do	6
	4⅖ Do	1
	Granadoes	6
Musquets		56
Corn'd Powder	Barrels	50
Fire Balls		30
Carriages Spare	18 Pdrs	1
Intrenching Tools	Axes Felling	110
	Axes Pick	8
	Hoes	232
	Sledges	2

Thomas Ord
Major R. R. Artly

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Return of Ordnance and Stores taken at brown Point 5th. August 1759.

Species	Nature	Number
Iron Ordnance Mounted on Garrison Carriage	4 Pounder	1
Ladle with Staff	4 Do.	1
Spunge with Rammer head	4 Do.	1
Rammer Spare	4 Do.	1
Iron Patteraroes Mounted on Swivell without Chambers		8
Shott	6 Pounders	164
	4 Do.	217

Thomas Gridley
Major R. R. Artly.

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Copy:—

Camp of Tienderoga 28th July 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Embarked on the 22d at Lake George; a late day, but I could not get my Artillery and Boats ready sooner, and as it was I left a part behind me; The Night following was not a pleas:=ant One, but the Wind having been fair dur:=ing the day I got on so as to be at a distance to Land the next morning, which I did, and Marched to the Saw Mills, where the Opposition We met from the Enemy was not great; I Took possession of the Commanding Grounds on the Enemy's Side of the Saw Mills, which was all I intended or desired, & Made the Bridge, and got some Cannon over by Night, the Enemy Saw it pass; I Lay on my Arms the Night, Secured the Communication & Ordered the Army to March the next Morning by the rising Grounds, intend:=ing to Post myself in the Front of their Lines, the Right to the Saw Mills River, and Left to Lake Champlain, but as Morning Cleared up, the Officers Commanding Posts Opposite to the Fort, re:=ported the Enemy's Tents Struck, and that they were gone off in their Sloops, Batteaus, Vea, And this being Confirmed to me by Other Reports, I

Marched and took possession of their Lines, a baron:
=ading & Bombarding Ensued, which was pretty well
kept up; I Covered the Troops as much as the
Ground would let me, and Opened the Trenches
with all the Tools I had; The Army lay on their Arms..
24th The Enemy Continued their Fire without do:
=ing us any great Mischief, the Trenches Advanced,
and the Batteries were fixed on; The Enemy burnt
all Outhouses, Stript all the Shingles off of the
Roofs in the Fort, and Every thing looked like a
Vigorous Defence, or an Intended blowing up the
Fort; I Tried all I could to get Boats across to
but off their Retreat; All this You will be thoroughly
Inform'd of by Lieut. Small, whom I have Sent
to Conduct the Newhampshire Regt to Oswego, &
he Sat out that day.-
25th The Enemy's fire Encreased and they threw
their Shells not badly; Our Trenches went on well;
Some Artillery got up, & the Batteries traced out;
Poor Townshend killed by a Cannon Ball.
26th The Enemy's fire the Same, and Our Bat:
=teries to be ready to night for to Open in the Morn:
=ing, but about ten o'block a Deserter came in, told
us they were going to blow the Fort up. and
the Whole Garrison was getting off; It proved true
and Some Volunteers went, and brought the Colours

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when the Buildings were in Flames; One Bastion was blown up; The fire We have Extinguished; and the Fort will be repaired at a small Expence; The Works the French have done here are great, and must have been very Expensive.— I Shall get on, and I hope, I am not much out in Imagining You might be at La Galette when I got to Crown Point, where I design to be soon; Col: Haldimand Writes me Word that he has received a Letter from You, by which Your Batteries were to Open the 15th So I impatiently Wait for good News from You. About 30 of the Enemy, some Prisoners, Some Desserters; The Indians have Scalped some few of Our Men. I am, with great Truth,

Dear Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Brigr General Prideaux.

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du Camp à Oswego le 18. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

Un Exprés qui Arriva avant hier de Niagara m'apporte Un Ordre de Mons.r le Brig.r Prideaux de lui Envoyer des Provisions dont il dit que les Indiens Consument une grande Quan:=tité; Sa Lettre est dattée du 13; Il ne Marque qu'il n'ecrira point à Votre Excellence, jusques a ce qu'il aye quelque Chose de Satisfaisant à lui Mander; La Tranchée fut Ouverte le 9, et le 15, il Esperoit que la premiére batterie pouroit jouër et produiroit un bon Effet; Niagara est Situé Avantageusement et bien fortifié, Munis d'une Nombreuse Artillerie, et d'une Garnison d'environ 800 hommes, Ayant été renforcé par 200, qui occupoient des postes au dessus de la Riviere, ne Contant point d'être attaqué par ce Coté cy; Ils Conservoient jusques au 15.e une Communiquation libre par le Lac et la Riviérre, et etoient occupés dans le port à finir Un Sloup, et à racommoder leurs Batteaux, sans qu'on pût les en Empechér; Un de leurs Brigantins passa devant ce Poste il y a Cinq Jours, Venant, Je Suppose, de Niagara, il nous tira quelque Coups de Canon, dont aucun ne porta jusques à nous, et apres S'etre Arrêté environ Une heure il remit à la Voille, allant du

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Botté de Bataraqui ; Il y a beaucoup de bon bois icy propre à la batisse des Vaisseaux; Il ne manque que des Ouvriérs pour nous donner en peu de temps la Superiorité sur le Lac.

J'eu l'honneur de Représenter à Votre Ex:=cellence dans ma précédente Lettre l'Etat de ce poste ; Elle se convaincera par le Raport que je joins icy, que sans Une Augmentation Considérable d'Ouvriérs, il n'est pas possible que le Fort Soit Mis à l'abris d'Insulte avant l'hiver. Nous n'avons pû faire a présent que de préparér quelque Bois.

Il n'est pas apparent que l'Ennemi Soit en Etat d'Envoyér un Corps assés considérable pour Attaquér Mr. Prideaux Ils se contenteront d'envoyér quelque Renfort à Niagara, S'il est Necessaire ; Il leur seroit plus Avantageux de revenir de Ces bottés avec Autant de force qu'ils pourront rassemblér, parce:=que S'ils venoient a bout de forcér ce Poste, et de Se Maintenir, ils feroient evanouir tous les Avantages que nous pourions Avoir de Ces bottés, et Jetteroient Mr. le Brigr: Prideaux dans des Embaras, dont je ne Vois pas Comment il pouroit se tirér.. On a point encore de Nouvelles de Mr. Stanwix ; Il pouroit aussi Essuyér des Retards ; Cette Idée joint au raport de quelques Indiens m'a Engagé à Mieux finir les Redoutes, et le retranchement ; J'avois d'abord dessein

de le reparér pour le proportionner au Nombre de Trouppes que j'ay ici, mais voyant que j'aurois perdu tous les Avantages du Terrein, Je me suis Contenté dy faire quelques Reparations, & de l'epaissir, Je Crois même qu'avec quelques Augmentations, 12 ou 1500 hommes pouroient y passer l'hiver en Sureté, pourvû qu'on fut Maître du Lac.

Les Deserteurs m'ont dit que Mons.r de la Corne avoit Apporté une grande quantité de Poudre, lorsqu'il vint nous Attaquér; que les françois ont plusieurs pieces de Canon Enterrées icy, avec des Outils, Vû, dont ils Contoient de faire Usage pour se fortifiér; J'ai fait Creusér dans plusieurs Endroits, mais sans Succes, il paroit Aussi qu'ils Vouloient nous Allarmér du Coté du Fort Stanwise; J'en ai Avertis les Postes dans la Communication afin que Nos Convois, Soyent Sur leurs Gardes, il n'en est point encore arrivé, Je Joins icy le Retour des Provisions qui nous restent. M.r Prideaux peut en Avoir encore pour quinze jours

Il y a de temps en temps des Partis d'Indiens autour de Nous, mais jusques à present ils n'ont eu Aucun Succes.

Il Deserta quatre hommes du 4.e Batt.on la Semaine passée, dont trois etoient des Recrues faittes Cette Année en Pensilvanie. Il y a bien de

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l'apparence qu'ils y sont retournés: les discours qu'ils ont tenus quelque jours auparavant le font croire.

J'ay l'honneur d'etre, avec un profond respect,

Monsieur,

de Votre Excellence,

Le trés humble et trés Obeissant

Serviteur

Fred: Haldimand, Col.

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du Camp sous le Fort de Tienderoga ce 28e. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

Votre Lettre du 18. m'est parvenüe hier, J'ai aussitôt envoyé Copie du retour, des provisions qu'Elle Accompagne au Col: Bradstreet, avec Ordre de pourvoir à leur Augmentation sans delai.

Je suis d'autant plus impatient de re:=cevoir des Nouvelles de M. le Brigr. Prideaux Lui même, que Je me flatte qu'Elles seront Agréables; Niagara peut être avantageusement Situé, bien forti:=fié, et muni d'Artillerie, mais Je ne Sçaurois me persuader que sa Garnison passe les 600 hommes; Il n'en est que mieux pour M. Stanwix que l'En:=nemi Comptoit pas être Attaqué par ou ils le font, et Je ne doute pas qu'avant ce Tems ci leur Communication n'ait été non Seulement Coupée, mais que Niagara même soit rendu.

Sur les Informations que m'ont étés donnés qu'il y avoit aux environs de Notre poste, beaucoup de bon bois propre à la batisse des Vaisseaux, Je n'ai point differé de faire Engager un Nombre suffisant d'Ouvriers pour en Construire: tous ceux qui s'entendent au Metier m'ont assuré que les 45 Charpentiers que Je vous ai Envoyés, etoient capable de batir un Sloup dans trois Semaines, et Je Compte bien qu'on ne m'en aura pas Imposé,

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mais ce qui me surprend, c'est que ces Ouvriers ne vous soient pas Venus lors de la datte de Vôtre Lettre.

Je vous avoüe que je ne m'etois pas attendu au moindre doute que le Forte ne fut à l'abri d'Insulte avant l'hiver, le Nombre de Personnes que vous y pouvez Employer surpasse de beaucoup celui que j'ai laissé avec le Col: Montrésor pour la Construction du fort George un fort, non seulement de Pierre, mais qui sera un des plus respectables qu'il y ait peut-être en Amerique, et non obstant le peu de Monde (en Comparison du Vôtre) qui y sont occupés il n'en sera pas moins fini à la fin de la Campagne; Néantmoins, dés que j'ai pû vous ceder des miens, Je vous ai envoyé le Regt. de Newhampshire, parmi lesquels il y a plusieurs Charpentiers; Ils sont en Marche depuis le 24. & pour Eviter tous delais, Je leur ai donné le Lieut. Small pour vous les Conduire; Avec ce Renfort Je m'attend que le fort soit, comme il doit l'etre, fini avant l'hiver, d'autant plus que vous aviez été occupés à preparer les bois, qui font la Moitie de la besogne.

Il n'est pas, comme vous le Jugés fort bien, apparent que l'Ennemi soit en Etat d'Envoyer un Corps assés Considerable pour Attaquer M. Prideaux; Il n'est même pas à croire qu'il tente d'envoyer

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du renfort à Niagara; Encore moins qu'ils as-
=semblent aucune force dont vous aiés à braindre
dans vôtre poste; Attendu qu'ils ont trop à braindre
pour Montreal, sur lequel il est essentiel pour
Eux d'avoir l'Oeil, et dont ils ne perdront cer-
=tainement pas Vûe: Il est vrai qu'ils pouront
Essaier de tombre dans Vôtre Communication, et
qu'ils pouroient reussir à y jeter l'Allarme, mais
si chacun y fait son devoir, il y a peu à braindre;
Vous avez trés bien fait de les mettre sur leurs
Gardes, et vous ne sçauriés trop souvent leur
reiterer les precautions necessaires pour qu'ils ne
se relantissent pas; les Vôtres à l'egard de
vôtre poste, ne sont pas moins bonnes, car
il ne faut rien donner au hazard; le plus
que vous serez en Etat de Defense, le plus
vous serez à l'abri d'Insulte.

Je ne Sçaurois trop broire le rapport des
Deserteurs, il n'est pas apparent que si les franc-
=çois avoient apportés du canon et des Outils,
ils les eussent Enterrés & laissés parmi nous;
Avec vos Soins et un peu de tems nous en
seront bientôt convaincus.

Le faute de Succés des Indiens que vien-
=nent autour de Vous, de tems en tems, est une
preuve combien vous Veillés à la Seureté de Vôtre

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poste, dont je n'ai jamais douté d'un moment, aussi je m'en raporte bien à vous.

J'espere que les 4 hommes du 4e Battaillon qui vous ont deserté ne manqueront pas d'etre pris; Vous les aurés sans doute fait afficher dans les Gazettes.

Le Lieut. Small vous aura Communiqué notre depart du Lac George, Notre Arrivée icy, & ce qui c'est passé jusqu'a son depart le 24e. - Le 25e le feu de l'Ennemi à Continué assez vivement, & nous avons eu le Malheur de perdre le Col: Townshend. - Le 26e au Soir nos Batteries etoient finies, et devoient Commencer à Joüer à la pointe du Jour du 27e. Mais la Veille a dix heures du Soir, l'Ennemi fit Sauter partie du fort et se retira, a la reserve de 20, tant Deser: =teurs que Prisonniers. Le Domage que l'Ennemi a fait au Fort n'est pas grand chose, Je Compte qu'il sera bientôt reparé.

Je suis très parfaitement,

Monsieur,

Votre trés humble & tres Obeissant

Serviteur.

Vous ferés S.V.P. tenir ma Lettre cy Incluse à M. Prideaux.

M. Le Colonel Haldimand,

Endorsed To Colonel Haldimand/Camp of Ticonderoga 28th July 1759./8./ in M.G. Amherst's of Aug. 5: 1759

du Camp d' Oswego le 23. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,,

Vôtre Excellence vient de perdre un digne Amy, et un Brave Officier en la personne du Brigr. Prideaux, que je regrette veritablement; j'ay l'honneur d'envoyér Copie de la Lettre que je reçois a ce Sujet, les incluses de Messrs. Henry & Montorieff en: =tiendront je Conte dans plus de Détails, je n'en ay Aucun que je puisse lui Communiquér; Il paroit Seulement par le raport de l'Expres qu'il y a eû beaucoup de retard, et que les Ouvrages n'en Sont pas au point ou V.E. pouroit les Souhaittér.

J'ay été fort Surpris de Voir par la Lettre du Chevr. Johnson qu'il Saroge le Commandement quoique le Brigr. Prideaux m'aye toujour Con: =sidére, et dit publiquement, quoique le Chevr. fut à l'Armée que j'etois le Second en Commande: =ment, et que c'est Sous ce Titre que j'ay été laissé a Ce Poste par les Ordres de V. E.- Lorqu'au Sujet de l'Allarme qu'il y eut ce Prin: =temps sur le Mohock River, M. Le Brigr. Gage me fit Marchér avec un Detachement de Trouppes, jusques Chez le Chevr. Johnson, il ne Sarrogea point le Commandement sur Moy; Il se tenoit Seulement pret à Marchér à la Tête de la Milice,

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Je ne vois donc pas sous quel titre il peut pretendre un Rang qu'il n'a jamais erigé jusques à Aujourd: :huy; Si même il à Une Commission de Sa Majesté Elle doit être plus Ancienne que Celle de Mr. Prideaux.

Ces difficultés ne doivent cependant point Inquieter V. Ex: Je pars immediatement pour Niagara, Ou Je tacheray de faire valoir Mon droit; Mais plus: :tôt que d'occasionner la moindre Mesintelligence entre le Chev.r Johnson que J'estime Veritablement, Je suis resolu à me mettre sous Son Commandement, et à faire tout ce qu'il dependra de Moy pour le bien du Service, et l'honneur de la Nation; Espér: :ant que V. E. me rendra Justice.

Je prens le Capt. Williamoz et le Lieut. Gugy qui se Sont Offert avec empressement, & quelques Matelots, Je Voudrois aussi pouvoir prendre des Muni: :tions, mais il n'y à icy que Onze barils de Poudres, qui n'est pas suffisant pour ce poste, Ce qui m'oblige d'écrire au Maj: Browning à Fort Stanwix, pour qu'il envoyé immediatement ce qu'il peut avoir de reste, & à Mr. Hackett à Albany pour qu'il la remplace, & en envoye icy. Je ne Saurois leur en Marquer la Quantité; Je Souhaitte Seulement que le Renfort Vienne à temps, et que nous en puissions faire un bon Usage.

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Je Remet Le Commandement de Ce poste au Col. La Roux des Prov. de K.G. avec toutes les Instruc:=tions Nécessaires; le poste est bon Aujourdhuy, les deux Redouttes sont finies et bien Situées, le retranchement l'est à peû de Chose prés, On Retranchera encore Chaque Bastion, afin que Si la Ligne étoit forcée on pût Sy defendre, Ce Sera l'Ouvrage de deux Jours.

Je me reffére au reste aux deux Lettres que J'ay eu l'honneur d'Ecrire à V. Ex.- Le Fort ne Sauroit étre à l'abris d'Insulte avant l'hiver sans avoir plus de Monde pour y travailler.

Les Attirails des Vaisseaux Arrivérent hier au Soir, mais point encore de Canon; On travailler sans relache à les batir, mais le Maître Ouvrier m'assure que M. Bradstreet se trompe, et que Cet Ouvrage ne Sauroit se faire dans trois fois le temps qu'il dit; Cet Ouvrage retardera Celui du Fort, ou il n'y a rien de fait encore, la Sureté de le poste et les Preparatifs pour batir ont employés tous les Ouvriers sans relache.

J'ay énnvoyé le Maj: Rosenbohm ce Matin avec Grandes Chuttes pour y batir un Moulin a Scie; S'il est practicable on tireroit par la quelques Services des 100 hommes qui y sont postés.

J'avois fait Commencer depuis quelques temps une Espece de Galere avec un Vieux Batteaux, dont le Lt. Glaser de Nôtre Batt: à été l'Inventeur et Le

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Constructeur, Elle Sera finie dans 4 Jours, portera un Canon de 6 Livres & quelques Swivels: Elle pourra Servir à transporter des Vivres à Niagara, quoyque Je Serois faché de perdre le St. Lyaser, Je Serois charmé qu'il put remplacer le Col: Johnson des K. G. Il entend mieux qu'aucun de leurs Officiers les Moyens de les Mettre en Mouvement, Il n'y a point d'Ordre parmis eux.

J'ai Supposé que M: le Brigr. Prideaux avoit rendu Conte à V. E. de la Situation du terrein, Il paroit qu'une Autre figure qu'un Quarré y repondroit Mieux; Je Donne Ordre à Mr. Rivés d'en lever le plan avec Exactitude, et de le transmettre immediatement a V. E.- On pourra en recevoir la Reponse avant qu'on soit en état d'en poser les fondements.

J'offre mes Voeux à V. E. pour ses heureux Succes

J'ay l'honneur d'etre avec un profond respect,

Vre

F. Haldimand.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Colonel / Haldimand to / General Amherst, / Dat.d Camp at Oswego 23.d July 1759./ 9/ in M. G. Amherst's of Aug.t 5:/1759

Copy.

Camp before Niagara July 20th 1759.

Sir,

I Am Sorry to Inform You that this Even:
=ing We had the misfortune to lose the General by
One of Our own Cohorns, and Col.o Johnson about
2 hours before, which was also a great Loss,
as he was a very Active and Good Man; As the
Command devolves on Me, I would have You im:
=mediately join the Army here, without loss of
time, and forward that Letter to General Amherst
by Express; If any Ammunition can be Spared
from thence I would have You Order it here im:
=mediately, as I am waiting for it. —

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

Wm. Johnson.

P. S. If Capt. Williamoz can be Spared,
I Would be glad to have him Come with You,
as Mr. Williams was early Wounded.
Col.o Haldimand.

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du Camp de Tienderoga ce 29e. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

C'est avec une vraie & profonde Affliction que je viens d'apprendre le Malheur qui nous est Survenues par la perte de M. Le Brigr. Rideause; j'Envoye aussitôt M. Le Brigr. Lfage pour le remplacer, il part dans le Moment; j'Espere néantmoins qu'avant qu'il vous joigne les Travause à Niagara n'auront plus Souffert de retard, et que la place se sera Rendüe.

Quelque droit que Vôtre Rang vous donne sur le Chevr. Johnson, Je vois avec la plus grande Satisfaction, que, pour le bien du Service et l'honneur de la Nation, vous le lui Cederés plustôt que de risquer la moindre Mésintelligence; Je ne Sçaurois trop vous Loüer d'une precaution aussi bien pesée, attendu que le Chevr. à le Commandement des Sauvages, et qu'il est de la derniere Consequence de les retenir dans nos Interêts; Vous n'en avés pas moins bien fait de vous transporter à l'Armée ou vos Conseils et Votre Experience pourront Accelerer son Succès; J'Approuve aussi que vous aiés pris avec Vous le Capne. Willyamoz & Le Lieut. Lugy. qui vous seront sans doute fort utiles.— A legard des Munitions j'ai reçeu une Lettre du Major Browning, qui me Marque qu'il vous envoioit la Moitié de ce qu'il y avoit

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dans sa Garnison, & qu'il avoit Ecrit au Sieur Hawkins pour le remplacer; J'ai donné Ordre à ce dernier, non seulement d'Envoyer la quantité que le Major de:=mande, mais ce que par la Suite il pouroit Exiger, & bela avec toute la promptitude et Expedition possible, de Sorte que Vous ne manquerés pas.

À legard du Poste d'Oswego, et le fort qu'on y doit batir. Je vous ai Ecrit amplement hier, et Je me refere à Cette Lettre; pour ce qui regarde sa figure, Je dois m'en raporter à ceux qui ont été sur les Lieux, qui m'ont fait le plan, et qui Connoissent le Terrein duquel on doit Considerer & Saisir les Avan:=tages, et pourvû qu'il soit fini avant l'hiver m'importe peu qu'Elle figure on y donne; Car malheureusement Chaque Nouvel Ingenieur differe de Celui qui l'a pre:=cedé, ce qui ne fait qu'occasioner des Retards, qui ne doivent pas avoir lieu à Oswego.

Les Canons pour les Vaisseaux ne doivent pas avoir Tardé a Suivre les Attirails, & Je suis persuadé que si l'on tient la Main à l'Oeuvre, et qu'on ne se relache pas à legard de la Conduite du Mre. Ouvrier et ses Employés, ils peuvent les finir bien plustôt qu'il ne le pretend; Ces Messieurs là sont d'ordinaire paresseux & Exigent qu'on les Suivent deprés.

Vous avés très bien fait d'Envoyer Le Major Roseboom à la Grand Chûte; Un Moulin a Scie seroit

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d'une grande Utilité, & j'espere qu'il le trouvera practicable dans Exiger un. J'approuve aussi la Galere que vous avez fait construire; Elle Servira tres bien à l'Usage que vous lui destinez; pour ce que Vous me Marqués à legard du Lt Glazier, cela ne depend pas de Moy, il faut premierement que j'en Ecrive au Gouverneur De Lancey,

J. Suis,

&ca,

Jeff: Amherst.

M. Le Col: Haldimand.

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Dear Sir,

On this most Unfortunate Accident of the death of Brigr. General Prideaux, of which I have this Moment an Account, I am Necessitated, very contrary to my Inclinations, to desire You will Re:=pair immediately to Oswego, where I am in hopes a great part of the Troops will be Returned by the time You can Arrive, and that Sir William Johnson will have left a Sufficient Garrison for Niagara, (Which I am Willing to think he will have Reduced) Untill Brigr. Genl. Stanwix can Send Troops to Garrison in the Place.

If the Troops should not be returned to Oswego at the time of Your Arrival, You will please to proceed to Niagara or Remain at Oswego, as You shall judge most Conducive to the good of His Majestys Service, from the Iw:=telligence You will receive at Oswego.

You will please to take the Instructions I had given to Brigr. General Prideaux, of which I have no Copy with me, but I find Sir William Johnson has them, and You will look on those Instructions as Orders to Yourself.

I must Recommend to You the forwarding the intended Fort at Oswego, as likewise the Vessels

to be built on the Lake, but no time must be lost after the Return of the Troops from Niagara to Oswego, in proceeding to La Galette with all the Expedition possible, leaving a sufficient Number for the Security and protection of the Post of Oswego, and for carrying on the Works of the Fort, for which Service You will leave such Officer to Command there as You Judge best.

It is of the Utmost Consequence that You take Post at La Galette, where a Secure Post should be Erected, and all Measures taken for proceeding to Montreal, or at least to force the Enemy to keep a large Body of Troops to hinder You, if the passage from La Galette to Montreal should be found Impracticable.

If Success should have Attended His Ma:=jesty's Forces at Niagara, and that the passage to Montreal should be found too difficult to At:=tempt, I would then have You take such a Post at La Galette as may be kept during the Winter, as the Enemy by being Shut out from Lake Ontario on that Side, must be greatly distressed, and I am in hopes to confine them on this Side by taking Post at least as far as Crown Point, which will Cover all the Country behind those two Places, and put it out of the power of the Enemy to

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make any Inroads.

If You should find the Number of Indians which are with Sir William Johnson more than what is necessary, You will please to Send to me, any that You may not Want. I Most heartily Wish You Success, and Am with the greatest Truth & Regard,

Dear Sir,

&ca.

Jeff: Amherst.

Camp at Tienderoga 28th July 1759.

P.S.... My Intentions are to push on the Operations of the Campaign with the utmost Vigor, and my Opinion is, that We shall Render Ourselves Masters of all Canada; You will therefore See, how very requisite it is that You should, with the Corps under Your Command, Approach as near Montreal as possible, and if the Enemy is Obliged to remain on the defensive against Mr. Wolfe and Me, at any Distance from Montreal, Your taking that place would be much Easier than Your getting at it.

If from the death of Brigr. General Prideaux, or from any unforseen Accident, the Reduction of Niagara may not have taken place, I would in that case have You make Your Dispositions, if possible, for Returning to the Attack, and taking the

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Place, for which You shall have all the Assistance I can give You.

The Reduction of all Canada is the Oject of this Campaign, a Miscarriage at Quebec (Nothing is more Unlikely to happen) is the only thing that can frustrate the Attempt, but if it should happen, We may then be Reduced to confine the Operations, by taking the Posts, as I have beforementioned, of Crown Point & La Galette, which must not be given up, and must be made as Respectable as time will permit.

Honble Brig^r Genl Gage-.

Endorsed Copy- General Amherst's / Instructions for / Brig^r General Gage / Dated Camp Tienderoga 28th July 1759. / 12. / in M^r. G. Amherst's of Augt 5: 1759

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Camp of Ticonderoga 1st August 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Send Major Graham to take on him the Command of the Second Battalion, and to March to Oswego with all Expedition, as I am resolved You shall not want any One thing that I can Send to You that You may pursue the Instructions I have given You.

I Shall now only Repeat to You, that should the Reduction of Niagara not have taken place from the unfortunate death of Brigr. General Prideaux, You will as soon as possible return to the Attack, and Besiege and take the Place with the utmost Vigor and Dispatch, and whatever Artillery or Stores can be Spared from Fort Stanwix You may Order to be Sent to You, giving me Notice, and Sending to the Storekeeper at Albany that it may be im= mediately Replaced.

I Hear this moment the Enemy have Abandonned Crown Point; My Batteaus won't let me Set out till to morrow Night; I shall pursue them to the utmost of my power, and if Niagara is taken, as I greatly hope it is, or should it be taken without Your returning to the Attack, I then depend on Your pursuing Your Ulterior

Operations with the utmost Expedition, and with leaving only a Sufficient Number for Carrying on the Works of Oswego. You will so soon as possible take Post at La Galette, where You must likewise Secure the Post which a small Number will be Sufficient to do, and You will proceed as near to Montreal as pos:=sible, which will so Confine the Enemy in Every part that they must Submit, and You will try all You can to take the Place.— If Sir Wm Johnson can persuade the Indians to Join You in this last and Essential Stroke for the Reduction of Canada, it will Ensure Success to You, & I don't desire to have a Man with me that can be of Service to You.

On Your Arrival in Lake St Francis, or the Cedar Falls, it will be easy for You to Send me Intelli:=gence, as I design to be at St. Johns or Chamblay, if not farther by that time.

Now is the Time, and We must make Use of it. Don't let People about You make Difficulties without a real Reason; We must all be Alert and Active, Day and Night if Necessary; If We all do our parts, the French must fall, and We shall Reap Peace and Quiet for it hereafter.—
I Am, with the greatest Truth and Regard,

Dear Sir, / &c.

Jeff: Amherst

Hon.ble Brig.r General Gage.

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Camp of Tienderoga 1st Augst 1759.

Sir,

On the Receipt of this You will immediately Set out to join the Second Battalion of the Royal Highland Regiment, which is on its March to join this Army, and You will proceed with the said Second Battalion, taking it under Your Command, to Oswego, in the most Expeditious manner You can, where You will put Yourself under the Com=mand of Brigr. Generall Gage, Colonel Haldimand, or Any Other Your Superior Officer, untill You shall Receive further Orders from Me.

You will Apply to Lieut. Coventry Assistant Quarter Master Generall for whatever You may want to Expedite Your March, who is hereby Ordered to Assist You in the best manner he can, and to take this Opportunity of Your Escorting Provisions, Artillery Stores, or whatever may be necessary to for=ward to Oswego, taking Care at the same time that Your March is not Retarded too much.

As I have the Service of the Corps at Oswego much at heart, I Send the Battalion under Your Command, and I think it cannot fail of Ensuring a Success, that I hope would be Sure without it, and I now am Sure I put

it out of any kind of doubt.

I Most heartily Wish You a good March and Success, & am,

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt

Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. You will please to Send on the Drafts that are Marched with the Second Battalion, that they may join the Army here; And You will take the first Occasion of delivering the Enclosed to Brigr. General Lyage. and of Informing him of Your March to join him by the first Opportunity You may have.

Jeff: Amherst.

Major Graham.

Endorsed Copy. General Amherst's / Orders to Major Graham of / the Royl. Highld. Regt. / Dated Camp at Tienderoga 1st Augst 1759. / 14. / in M. G. Amherst's of Augt 5: 1759

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Camp at Tienderoga 1st August 1759.

Sir,

Colonel Bradstreet has just now Shewn me a Letter from Lieut: Coventry, Setting forth that there were on the 30th Ultimo, so little a Quantity of Provisions at Albany, that to prevent the Army to the Westward failing, he was Obliged to Send for what flour & pork there was at Half Moon; This Obliges me once more to renew to You my most pressing Instances, that You will have a particular Attention in preventing any Inconveniences Attending that Army thro' the want of that Article, and that You will pay a due Observance to my several Letters on that head, desiring that You would with the utmost Speed and Dispatch, Collect and forward to Albany all the Provisions You possibly can gather, without prejudicing the Service up the River St. Lawrence; If any thing Prevents All Canada being taken this Campaign it will be the want of Provisions. I am, / Sir

Your Humble Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Christopher Kilby Esqr.

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Carlisle 19th July 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Deferred Writing to You 'till the last day I proposed Staying here, and proposing to Set out tomorrow to Bedford, do it now, and flatter Myself that I have been able, with Col°. Bouquet's Active Assistance, so regulated the Carriages for Provisions and Stores as to have a Succession of them during the Campaign, have now got up before me Six Weeks provisions to Fort Bedford for 5000 Men, and am Sure my Whole Army will never consist of more than 3600 Rank & File, including all the Posts: but the Indians at Pittsburgh are an insupportable Burthen upon Us; by last Return from thence 500 fed every day. As they are New Friends, Colonel Mercer, who Commands there, thinks himself Obliged to keep them in good temper, tho' at the same time Says he can depend upon but few, if any, to fight or Assist in the Escort Service, but is attempting to get a small Body for those purposes, so that all that has been possible to be done. We could as yet never get above a Weeks provision for the Garrison at Pittsburgh before hand, occasioned all together by the vast Number of Indians to feed, which I have Ordered

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Col.o Mercer to Guard against for the future, for it would be the last degree of folly to Assemble any considerable Body of Troops there, without at least forty days provisions for them before hand; this We have been & are attempting to do, but from the badness of the Road, the frequent Interruptions the Convoys meet from the Enemy on the Communication, and the large Escorts obliged to be Ordered for this Service, makes it extremely Tedious; they are just now pushing up a large Convoy from Ligonier to Pittsburgh, and its safe Arrival may be of the last Consequence to the preserving this Post, for Col.o Mercer Writes that by the Intelligence from some Indian Spys sent to Venango, & the Chief of the Delawares, that 500 French & 8 or 900 Indians with a Train of Artillery & a large Stock of Provisions, was to come down the Ohio, and Attack this Post at Pittsburgh, Indian Intelligence is sometimes true, but often false, hope this is so, as that Place is in no Sort de: =fensible against Artillery, or a Sufficient Stock of Provisions, for the Reasons before mentioned.— About 1200 of the new Levies I saw here Yesterday, amongst which a Vast Number of Bad Men, but as I am so weak upon the Whole durst not turn them out, but must leave them at the Posts, the rest of these New Levies are at the Posts between this &

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Bedford, & these here will be bleard and bloathed in a day or two, & then March upwards.

I Applied several times to the Govr for his Recommending to the Assembly for a Troop of Light Horse, & a Bill with a penalty, as last Year, for Carriages, He did so, but was re: =fused both, in a very extraordiniary manner, they take it now for granted, that the Enemy is far from their Doors; In this I hope they are not Mistaken.

The Return of this date Sent by Major Gates to Lt. Townshend is as near the truth as I can come at in this our Hayling State, but am Certain Our Numbers are not more, and Pro: =vincial Troops are formed of such tender Materials that they Melt away very fast.— That I may hear Soon of Your Success & happiness is the Sincere Wishes of

Dear Sir

&ca.

John Stanwix.

General Amherst

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Camp at Tienderoga, 31st July 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Learn with pleasure by Your favor of the 19th Instant from Carlisle, that You then had got up before You Six Weeks Provisions to Fort Bedford for 5000 Men, and that You pro:=posed to Set out Yourself for that place the day following; I likewise See that Your Army con:=sisted of 3600 Rank & File, including all the Posts, and that You were sure it would never consist of more; If it should not it must prove the more advantageous to You, as whilst on the One hand, it will Save Your Provisions, on the Other You can have nothing Material to fear from the Enemy against those Numbers, half of which, in my Opinion, are Sufficient to frustrate any At:=tempts of the French, who, Attack'd as they are on all Sides, it is impossible to believe can As:=semble a Sufficient force, & much less any Artillery, to Endanger Pittsburgh, if, as I trust it will, its Garrison is on its Guard & does its Duty; for as to the Indian Intelligence they have Obtained, I cannot give the least credit to; That the Enemy has, and may again Interrupt Your Communication and Endeavor to Cutt off Your Convoys, I can

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readily Conceive, but that they must fail in the Attempt, I have not the least doubt about, provided the Escort is of a proper Strength, and that they behave as they Ought.

I Am Sorry that Your Application to the Govr for a Troop of Light Horse, and a Bill with a Penalty for Carriages has met with a Refusal on the part of the Assembly, but I am not at all Surprized at it, as it is but too true, that when once they think the Enemy removed from their doors, they immediately desist from granting any further Aid.

With regard to Your Provincials, the only way to prevent their Melting away, is to keep them constantly Employed, and You will find that they will Strengthen upon it.

I Have now the Satisfaction to Acquaint You, that on the morning of the 21st I Embarked with the Army on Lake George, and with a fair Wind, proceeded so as to be at a distance to Land the next morning, which I did, & Marched to the Saw Mills, where the Opposition We met with from the Enemy was not great; I took possession of the Command-ing Grounds on the Enemy's Side of the Saw Mills, which was all I intended or desired; I then made the Bridge & got some Cannon over by Night, which

the Enemy saw pass; & Lay on my Arms the night, Secured the Communication, and Ordered the Army to March the next morning by the rising Grounds, intending to Post Myself in the Front of their Lines, the Right to the Saw Mill River, and Left to Lake Champlain; But as Morning Cleared up the Officers Commanding Posts Opposite the Fort, Report=ed the Enemy's Tents Struck, and that they were gone off in their Sloops, Batteaus, &ca, and this being Confirmed to me by Other Reports, I Marched and took possession of their Lines, a Cannonading and Bombarding Ensued, which was pretty well kept up; I Covered the Troops as much as the Ground would let me, and Opened the Trenches with all the Tools I had; The Army lay on their Arms.

24th. The Enemy Continued their Fire without doing us any great Mischief; The Trenches Advanced, & the Batteries were fixed on; The Enemy burnt all Outhouses, Stript all the Shingles off of the Roofs of the Fort, and every thing looked like a Vigorous Defence, or an Intended blowing up the Fort; I try'd all I Could to get Boats across to Cutt off their Retreat.

25th. The Enemy's fire Encreased, and they threw their Shells not badly; Our Trenches went on well; Some Artillery got up, and the Batteries traced

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out; Poor Townshend killed by a Cannon Ball.
26th The Enemy's fire the Same, and Our Bat:
=teries to be ready to Night for to Open in the Morn:
=ing, but about Ten o'Clock a Deserter Came in,
told us they were going to blow the Fort up, and
the Whole Garrison was getting off; It proved true,
and Some Volunteers went and brought the Colours
when the Buildings were in Flames; One Bastion
was blown up; but the Fort will be repaired at
a Small Expence; We have about 30 of the Enemy.
Some Prisoners, Some Deserters; The Indians have
Scalped some few of our Men.

I Wait for nothing but my Boats or Batteaus
(which are getting over the Carrying place) to proceed
to Crown Point, for which I am hopefull to Set
out in two days.

On the 27th I had a Letter from Colonel
Haldimand, Informing me that Brigr. Prideaux was
Set down before Niagara; That he had broke Ground
on the 9th, was Erecting his Batteries, and that
they were to Open the 15th That 200 Men of the
Enemy intended as a Reinforcement against You had
been prevented from proceeding on their March, and
had thrown themselves into the Garrison of Niagara;
But unfortunately two days ago, I received another
Letter from him with the Melancholy News of Poor

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Brig.r Prideaux being killed, when Every thing was going on well, and his Batteries within a hundred and forty Yards of the Place; On this distressfull Affair I immediately dispatched Brig.r General Lyage to take the Command of that Army, and to pur:=sue the Ulterior Operations You are Acquainted with, as I make no doubt, by the time of his Arrival at Oswego, Every thing will be over at Niagara, where, notwithstanding this unfortunate Event, I am still hopefull We shall Succeed, as Colonel Haldimand is gone thither, & that Sir William Johnson has with him a very Considerable Body of Indians, who are said to be extremely well Affected & hearty in the Cause; — I Must therefore again Recommend it to You, to hasten up to Pittsburgh, that the Detachment of Your Army intended to Garrison Niagara, may be at hand to proceed thither upon the first Notice of the Reduction of that Fort.

We have not a Single Word from Adm.l Saunders nor Major General Wolfe since they Sailed from Louisbourg.— Wishing You health and Success, I Am, with Truth and Esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your &.a,

Jeff: Amherst.

Brig.r General Stanwix.

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Philadelphia 22th: June 1759

Sir

As some doubts have arose in my Own Breast, in regard to the propriety of my troubling you with my Correspondence, as General Amherst has The Command in Chief, to whom, thô: a Younger Colonel, I constantly give an Account of my Proceed:=ings, in The Command I have of The Kings Forces to The Southward. in place of The late Brigadier General Forbes. however Unhappy I may think myself by this unusual Circumstance, or how:=ever unequal I may be to my Predecessor in This Command, as to Military Skill, others will determine for me, but I am sure I am equal to Him, or any Other General, in my Determination of using my best Endeavours to Carry on His Majestys Ser:=vice, If there, I am wrong in The trouble I now give you, & it be an Error, I hope you will pardon it, as it is on the right Side, & meant as The Greatest Piece of respect I can pay You.-

It is now near Three Months since I [2.]
ente'd upon this Command, Loaded / with debt due for The Services performd the last Campaign. ammounting to about One Hundred & Eighty Thousand pounds Sterling, no Money sent Over to pay it, chiefly owing pr Waggons, For Carriage

of Provisions, & Military Stores, Immense loss of Wag-
=gons, Waggon, and Pack Horses, some by The
Enemy, but many more by being Starved to Death,
for want of Forrage, in The Depths of Winter, in
The Wilderness, The last Campaign being unavoidably
carry'd on, to that Season.— These Carriages not
being paid for, had Created such a Backwardness
in all The Inhabitants of The Southern Provinces,
to Enter again into the Service, & no Laws equal to
Enforcing Them, laid me under Great Difficultys, The
Money that was in The Hands of The Contractors
agent for The Southern District, not being Apply'd
by General Forbes to pay The Debts of The last
Campaign; (from This great Indisposition) was drawn
away, to the amount of £100,000, Sterling, for other
Services, at least equally pressing, On This Emergency,
I applyed to The Assembly of This Province, to Lend
His Majesty £100,000 Currency, by Striking so much
paper Money, to be sunk again in One Year, at
[3] Three equal / Terms, & The Bills of Exchange was
to be Loged as Security, & These redeemable in that
manner, This Bill was long debated in The As-
=sembly, & lost in Favour of another, for Fifty Thous-
=and pounds Currency, to be lent to The King,
without Interest, for One Year, Colonel Hunter Agent
for The Contractors, & myself, to be bound for it, and

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Bills of Exchange Lodged with Trustees, Equal to The Contractors, within One Year from The Payment of The Money. But I must take further notice, that The Assembly, have 'tack't to This Bill, some Favourite Clauses of Their Own, contrary to The Proprietary Instructions, which, upon so very pressing a Necessity, I wrote a letter to Governour Denny, to Wave, promising to take the very first Opportunity of laying His Conduct before The Commander in Chief, to be by Him Justified to The Kings Ministers. which I have accordingly done, and I have no doubt but you will think it right, as The necessity of The Kings Affairs was Such, that it was Impossible to Carry on The Service, without a Loan of Paper-Money from This Govern-[4] ment. especially as no Money or The least hopes of Money arrived from England—

If there are any Clauses in The Bill which are not liked at Home, I presume The King & Council will reject it, & Redeem The Bills of Exchange, and I think I could not do better for The Crown then borrow The Fifty Thousand pounds Currency for One Year without Interest for Carrying on the present Service which I hope this will answer, and Raise The Exchange from 150 to 155 where I found it. but This Sum

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will not, by any means pay The Arrears due to The Country, but I have order'd Numbers of The Claimants to be paid who have been thereby Courted again into The Carriage Service. & propose to pay The rest of The Certificates of their Debts as Settled by The Commissioners of Accounts, as it can be done without our Impeding The Service, for our Credit is so very bad here from The peoples not being paid last Campaign, that I have been Obliged to deposite Money in The Hands of a Creditable per:
=son in each of The Eight Countys in The Province who have Advertized that they are ready to pay The Carriages before they Sett out in part, & The rest as soon as they return. by which means I have great hopes that I shall be Supply'd tho: Later during the Course of The Campaign, with/
[5] Carriages Sufficient for Provisions, Military Stores, Working Tools, & Dry Forrage thro: an Immense Wilderness of Two Hundred Miles Westward of The Susquehana all Land Carriage.—

When I was appointed to This Command, General Amherst gave me an Extract of your Letter to Brigadier General Forbes, dated the 23d January 1759. for my Conduct. and agreeable to His Majestys Instructions did Consult with General Amherst, & we were both of Opinion that an Army Composed, as follows,

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would be Sufficient to maintain His Majestys Subjects in the undisputed possession of The Ohio, cut off all Trade, & Communication, between Canada, & The Western, & Southern Indians, protect The British Colonies From the Incursions of The Enemy, & to build a respectable Fort at Pitsburgh.

First Battallion of The Royal Americans	880.
Virginia Regiment including Two Troops of Horse, Thoroughly Equip'd	2000
North Carolina 3 Companys of 100 Men ea	300
Maryland Regiment of	1100
Pensilvania Regiments including 2 Troops of Horse Thoroughly Equip'd	3000
In all	7,280

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/On this Calculation it was agreed, that General Amherst should draw from this department The Highland Battallion commanded By Colonel Montgomery consisting Thirteen Comp^ys, which was accordingly done. but there has been such a Falling off, of The Southern provinces that Notwithstanding your letters to The Several Governors, to give at least the same Numbers as last Year, The Utmost that I have any reason to Expect This Campaign, is, as follows.

First

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First Battallion of Royal Americans	880
Virginians proposed only 1,200, Effectives expected by Their Accounts from that province.....	700
Marylanders Rais'd last Year 1100, This Year None.	None
Pensilvanians Rais'd last year 3000 This Year Voted only 2880, & am sure from Their last Returns the Forces of This Province will never Assemble more than	2000
North Carolinians last Year 300, This Year None..	None
	In all 3580 Men

As This is the Utmost of my Expectations, The defficiency is almost one half (Viz) 2700 Men./

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The New Levies of This Province, from The De=lays of The Assembly in Voting them, & passing their Money Bill, are but now on their March to Carlisle Their place of Rendevous, to be Cloth'd, Clear'd, Dis=ciplin'd, & put in Order, & Their Two Old Battallions, very farr from being Complete, are the greatest part of them upon The Communication, (Viz) Pittsburgh, Fort Legonier, Fort Bedford, Fort Loudoun, Fort Lyttle=ton, Shippensburg, Fort Cumberland, & Fort Augusta of The Virginia Regiment. Four Hundred are at Fort Legonier, The remainder of that Regiment by Returns From Colonel Byrd, amount at most to Three Hun=dred Men, are at Winchester in Virginia, & are to March from thence to The Communication in a Weeks

Time having stay'd there so long in hopes to encrease their Numbers, which I have every reason in the World to Doubt, from the Ill Judged Mode of raising their Troops This Year, having Voted a Battallion for the Guard of their Frontiers with a Bounty of Ten pounds a Man & raise them at that extraordinary Levie Money, before their Old Battallion was Complete, who could give no more than a pistole a Man, whereas had the Guard- [S]
-ed their Posts / upon the South Branch of the Potomack with their Numerous Militia and Com-
-pleted their Old Battallion to Twelve Hundred Men, Then would have been their Time to have Offer'd their Vast Bounty Money, for their Men for home Service, Provided They did not choose to leave their Militia upon the Guard of their Frontiers, This must have been Obvious to Gover-
-our Fauquier, But His Assembly insisted on This most ruinous measure.—

From the disputes arising between Governour Sharpe & the Assembly of Maryland & the not having it in his power to Wave the Proprietary Instructions, as the Council in That Province are a part of the Legislature, all Appointed by the Proprietor, & all enjoy Places of considerable profit by His Gift. Not a Single Man is rais'd in this Province.

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The distance between This, & The province of North Carolina, & Their poverty, as pleaded by Mr. Dobbs their Governour, puts it out of my Expectations of having a Single Man from thence, & only at best Governour Dobbs proposed to have Two Hundred Men, to join me about The Time the Northern Cam:
[9] =paign Ends, provided The King could pay Them cloath Them, &c. but All This appeard to me/so very Chimerical, that I have given but little attention to it, or expect any thing from it.—

I sett out This day for Fort Bedford, where I shall Assemble all The Troops that are not al:=ready on The Communication, or necessary to be left at The many Posts, to be Garrison'd, and get For:=ward to Pittsburgh, as soon as a Sufficiency of Pro:=visions, can be got there, For Their Subsistence, and shall Endeavour as soon as possible to Second The Opperations of Brigadier Rideaux, from Lake Ontario, but as that Gentleman has all water Carriage from Schenectady, to Niagra, except three little portages, the whole together not exceeding Two Miles, it is not to be expected, that an Enterprize This way, all Land Carriage, can keep pace with Him—

I shall immediately Sett about Building a Fort at Pittsburgh, having sent away from this The Engineers, Workmen, Working Tools & all kinds of Materials, &c.

and hope to get forward with such a Respectable Fort, as will answer The Ends for which it is intended, I am told that the Spott on which Fort Duquesne stood, is inconvenient on many Ac- [10]
=counts, but it is proposed to Build in The / Forks on Higher Ground, but near it.—

That your Administration may Continue to be the Honour, & Happyness, of Your Country is The Sincere wish of

Sir

Your most Obedient

&

most Humble Servant

John Stanwix

Endorsed Philadelphia June 22d/1759 / Brigr Genl Stanwix / R Septr 11th

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Camp of Brown point October 22d 1759.

Sir

I hope you will have received my Letters of the 27th of July and 5th of August, the first by Lt Col Umherst, and last by Captain Prescott, since which, on the 6th, the ground was marked out for a Fort and all preparations made for erecting it. at night 48 of the Draffs from Guadaloupe arrived the only remaining which are able to march after the 350 I sent to recruit the Regiments at Oswego.

7th I went in the morning to reconnoitre the Environs, order'd a Road to be cut from the Village to joyn the one I had directed to be made from Tionderoga for driving Cattle &c. ordered two Re: =doutes. wrote to Mr: General Wolfe, whom I had likewise wrote to the day Tionderoga was aban: =doned, sent an Ensign of the Rangers with it, who was confident he could easily joyn the Army under the command of Mr: Genl: Wolfe by the Kennebeck River, but it is a roundabout way and must take up great time.

8th Captain Kennedy of late Forbes's offered to go through the Country a much nearer way to the river St Laurence, and as it is of great consequence that I should hear from Mr: Genl: Wolfe as well as that he should from me, I sent Captain Kennedy

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with Lieut Hamilton of the Royal. Captain Jacobs and four Indians, to go through the Settlements of the Indians on the South of the River St. Laurence with a proposal from me, and with orders to take their answer to Mr Genl Wolfe that they might be treated accordingly. this in all probability was the quickest method of conveying intelligence to Mr. Genl Wolfe. a great Storm of wind and rain damaged some of our Batteaus. I sent two Scouts to St. Johns, and 200 Rangers to cut a road to N.o 4 to open a Communication from the Massachusetts & New hampshire Governments to Brown point. sent a Party of 300 men with a Covering party to lay in the Woods to prepare timber. 68 Oxen arrived by the Road from Tionderoga for drawing timber &.ca

9th 400 men at work on the ground fixed for the Fort, the best Situation I have seen in America, no where commanded, and has all the advantages of the Lake, and Strength of ground that can be desired.

10th a great deal of rain and from all accounts we have had more this Summer that any people remember in this Country, the works for the Fort going on pretty well, 800 men employed.

11th at day break I sent out a Party of 200 Rangers, 100 of Gages, a Company of light Infantry

& one of Grenadiers under the command of Lt Col: Darby with two boats with 3 Pounders to explore the Part of the Otter River near the Lake ten Men of the scouting Partys I had sent to St Johns, returned with a note from Captain Lem: =medy, to inform me he had seen a Brigantine, a Schooner, and a topsail Sloop of the Enemys as he lay on the eastern Shore below Corlears Rock: the ten Rangers got by the Vessels in the night, and as they met Lt Colonel Darby reported what they had seen.

12th very bad weather, Letters arrived from England by the Lutwiche Packet. Lt Col Darby re: =turned with his party in the Afternoon from the Otter river, Capt Garth, Engineer, went up to the first Falls and reported it quite a different River from what it has allways been described.

13th I sent Capt Johnson with a party of Rangers to march to the Otter River, to the place where the road is to pass it in going to Nº 4, to proceed down the River to explore the whole and to return here by the Lake. 1500 men at work at the Fort. Major Christie arrived from England.

14th I sent Major Christie to serve as Deputy Quarter Master Genl with Br General Gage and wrote to the Brigadier to recommend taking Post at

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La Gallette as of the utmost consequence, which was only repeating what I had before ordered. ordered a proportion of Stores to be sent from Albany & New York for the Garrison of Niagara.

15th an Officer who was advanced down the Lake with the Guard boats, brought me a Letter from Monsieur de Montcalm of the 30th July from Beaumport & one from Monsieur de Bour:=lemaque which came by a Captain Le Bew with a Flag of truce, I answered the Letters directly, sent an Aid de Camp to Captain Le Bew who was stoped at such a distance that he could not see the Camp. began to lay the Logs of the Fort.

16th a Deserter of the Regt of Languedoc came in from four Vessels which lay below les Isles aü quatre Vent, got off on the 14th from a Party that came on Shore, was at Tionderoga during the winter, says when they quitted the Fort, Monsr d'Hebe:=court the Officer who comanded & another Officer were forced to land in the woods on the opposite side by our canonading them, were three days lost in the Woods before they joyned Monsr Bour:=lemaque's Camp and had narrowly escaped some of our People which they had seen, I suppose the Rangers I sent out. that Monsr Bourlemaque is at present encamped at the Isle aü Noise, five leagues

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on this side of St. Johns and the river narrow, that he has the same Troops which were at Tion: =deroga, viz.t three Battalions of Regulars, five Pickets of the other five regular Batt.s with the Canadians and La Marine making 3500 men and that he has 100 Cannon. the four Vessels are La Vigilante of ten Guns 6 & 4 pounders a Schooner, a Sloop called Marquelonguy of two brass 12 pounders and six Iron 6 pound.rs La Brochette of Eight Guns 6 & 4 pounders. L'Esturgeon of eight Guns 6 & 4 pounders. all have Swivels mounted, three of the Vessels were built this year one is an old one, and another is repairing, Monsieur de le Bras a Captain of Man of War commands them with a Mons.r Rigal and other Sea Officers, part of the Piquets of Languedoc, Bearn, and La Sarre are on board, and as he told me, the Officers and men went on shore to fish with nets, I sent out Capt. Gates with a detachment of forty men to way = lay them. on this intelligence of the Enemy's Vessels I sent to Capt Loring, who is building a Brigantine at Tionderoga, to come to me. ordered Col. Bradstreet to Albany to look into the forward: =ing provisions up the Mohawk river and this way for the winter garrisons.

19th all the best of the timber being cut

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and brought in from the opposite shore, I ordered back the Grenadiers and light Infantry that were the covering Party and we now began to cut timber on the western Shore. Capt Loring came, I told him the force the Enemy had, he said the Brig: would not be of sufficient strength and concluded on building a Radeau to carry Guns over the Lake as well as to use them on the Lake, he thought the Sawmill would go in two or three days, and supply the Planks. I ordered Col Whitings Regt. to bring provisions here, the 1st Battn of Ruggles's to finish the road from Tionderoga, Col Willard's to be divided between the Saw mill & landing place, Whitings to remain here to assist in erecting the Fort.

18th 1600 Labourers at work at the Fort, which with Artificers, timber Cutters &ca the daily numbers at work exceed three thousand. I received a Letter from Monsr Pouchot a Capt in Bearn, who comanded at Niagara, that a Lieutenant had de=serted on the march which he disapproved much, the Officer had signed the capitulation, took three men off with him.

19th Ensign Wilson returned with his party of Rangers from St. John's, said two of his men who had formerly been prisoners there, had gone

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within two miles of the Place, but got amongst some Indians and could not advance nearer; in going he parted with Capt Kennedy as he went up Mischiscoüe bay; in coming back passed the Enemy's vessels in the night which were at anchor in the same place as before.

20th it rained hard which put a little stop to the works, I ordered a fence to close in all the best of the ground, running it from the upper part of the bay across to the lake on the South of the Fort. by which we shall at all times keep in the cattle and it will be a vast, advantage to this Fort. in the evening some Rangers reported they had seen Indians on the west side, it is very unlikely, but I ordered a party after them, and I sent a party to explore the sources of the Hudson's river.

21st much rain fell, retarded our works, part of the party came back reported they had tracked the Indians and left the rest pursuing, at night the remainder came back, could not overtake. two men of late Prideaux's missing, who had contrary to orders been on the other side of the lake.

22d sent two Scouts off Lt Fletcher and ten Rangers to St Johns and a Serjeant and eight

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men to the Isle au Noise. a party I sent out on the east side of the Lake brought in a french gun-case of an Officers, who I suppose comes from their shipping to try to see what we are about and popped upon the two Fools of Pri:-deaus' Regim.t who were out of all bounds and without Arms.

23.d I sent to Tionderoga for provisions, re:-port, a boat coming in with a blue flag, the sig:-nal I had ordered the guard boats for the ap:-pearance of an inferior number of the Enemy. it proved to be Capt Jute's party in four whale boats, the Indians firing & making a Yell of having Scalps, and a very good noise for a very little they had done; Capt Jute lay op:-posite to the Enemy's Sloops some time but no:-body came on shore, then crossed to the east side and finding a canoo of the Enemy's with some things left with it, knew a scouting party must be out, & he very rightly resolved to wait for them: his Indians behaved ill, and the rest of the party not well or he should have taken the six Enemy Indians, instead of killing one Indian, in the firing one of Prideaux's escaped and joyned them, they supposed they wounded two more Indians, our Rangers firing at they knew not what wounded two

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of their Comrades; a pretty opportunity lost of taking all that scouting party; the luck of finding the Canoo, waiting for them & attacking them, if it had been well executed, could not have failed of taking the whole and there was no risk.

24th the Party returned from reconnoitr=ing part of the Hudsons river, supposed the Source 12 miles West from Brown point. Capt. Johnson returned with his party from exploring the Otter river, he found eight falls, instead of three as had allways been imagined and most=ly bad ones, the sides of the river very Swampy, and by his report a very impassable river for the Enemy to make any inroads into the Coun=try indeed it proves it from their having been so long in possession of it without attempting incursions that way, many people have run away with the notion of this river being the route by which the war would have been best carryed on, who must have been very ignorant of every part of it. for the better defence of Brown point and to make the Fortress as for=midable as I can, I ordered with the advice of the Engineer three Forts to be erected, which I named by the Grenadier Fort, light Infantry Fort, & Grages light Infantry Fort, ordering those

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borpss to build each their own as fast as possible.

25th works at the Fortress going on well, sent an Aid de Camp to Tionderoga to examine matters there & to hasten every thing on.

26th sent Capt Gate and ten men down the Lake to try to get up the riviere de Sable to explore that river to lay his whale boat up and proceed by land to Swegatchi, and in case no English Troops are arrived at Swegatchi, to make what discoveries he can & send two or three men to Brigadier Gage at Oswego. a Letter from the Lt Governor of New Yorke that he had disposed of the french Prisoners 200 in the Jerseys, 200 in Connecticut, 100 in long Island, the remainder in the barracks at New Yorke. the french Lieutenant a Commissary, one Seyeant & two Privates, who had deserted on the March were taken near Fort Edward, had been lost in the woods & near starving, I ordered the Lieut: close confined.

27th the works of the three Forts advancing, four more french Deserters taken near Fort Edward, had been out sixteen days and almost perishing. Twenty seven of the Drafts from Guadaloupe arrived.

28th it rained in the morning stoped the works a little, I received a letter from Col: Bradstreet

that the supply of provisions at Albany went on well.

29th sixty four men of a Company, of the Massachusetts Troops, consisting of eighty men, which I had ordered from N° 4 to Albany, went off when they were within six miles of the Town. I received a letter from Br General Stanwix of the 14th of Augst from Fort Bedford, that Major Tulle:=kens set out the 5th with 300 men for Pittsburgh from thence to proceed with 400 and bol Mercer to joyn him to take post at Venango. that Capt Jocelyne who marched with a convoy on the 30th of July was attacked near Laurel hill and after repulsing the Enemy, killing two Indians which they found and they supposed seven or eight more killed, was unfortunately killed, with the loss of three men & six horses on our side. that two men of bol Montgomery's Regt were taken off from Pittsburgh by some Jawas Indians who had been treated as Friends and been eating their provisions at Pittsburgh. 'tis just like the Scoundrells.

30th I sent an Officer to Louisburg, by which opportunity I wrote to M: Genl Wolfe & Admiral Saunders. the Radeau building, and I am promis:=ed the Brigantine shall soon be ready, I then shall be able either to take or force away the Enemy's Vessels on the Lake & to proceed to the other end

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31st four Rangers who had been with Serjt Hopkins came back with an account that the Serjt: was attacked & must have been taken.

1st Sept: the Serjeant returned from his Scout & brought in three Prisoners of La Marine which he took opposite to the Island their intelli: =gence agrees with what I have had before as to the Troops at the Isle aü Noix, with this addition only that some Canadians were working at the Bat: =teries & Lines on the Island before the Troops ar: =rived there, they likewise say they have 100 Can: =non, I suppose they must have had some from their Ships which got up the River St Lawrence this Spring. that the East & West Channels are very narrow, the East picketed across to hinder any thing passing. as the account of the Prisoners and the Serjeant's report agreed of a new Vessel being launched & pierced for 16 Guns, I sent to Capt Loring, that our second intended Vessel may be built if it can be done without retarding the other, as it appears the Enemy is trying all they can to have a superior force by water. I ordered Major Ord to prepare some combustibles that I may try to burn this new Vessel before she gets out.

2d the first Battn of Ruggles's which is making the road good from Ticonderoga encamped

three miles from this place, where the Plain begins. a Report from Lt Wellard at the landing place that he had found five Canoos three miles up Lake George, this accounts for what some of the Prisoners had told me which indeed I thought they had made, that 60 Indians sat out in five Canoos on Lake George some days before we arrived at Tionderoga, & they had not heard any thing of them, I suppose on finding themselves cut off they went across the Country & perhaps to Joyn Sr Wm Johnson.

3d Capt Loring came we concluded on building a Sloop for 16 Guns. the Saw mill being continually out of order retards us much. we had violent rain. the Guns I sent for from Fort Edward for Brown point arrived at the landing place.

4th it did not cease raining the whole day, at night I sent out Serjt Hopkins with twelve men, some of the best Swimmers I could find, furnished with five darts & hand Carcasses to burn the Sloop at the Isle au Noix. a man of Lt Fletcher's party returned, says some Indians came on him & another who were left with the boat, took the other and he made his Escape, at night an Indian came in from the Lt.

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Party, says the Lieut was tracked from his boat, attacked by a great number, that he only escaped; the others killed or taken.

5th I sent out a party to the west side of the Lake. the Officer returned from Oswego from conducting the New hampshire Regt there, marched from Fort Stanwix to Oswego with 100 Oxen in five days, so there can be no great difficulty in making a good & sure communication. the french Prisoners informed several things were hid in the Fort, we dug & found Kettles, Tools & Iron.

6th the Captain of the guard boats reported he had seen some of the Enemy's boats in the Evening at the narrows which lowerd their Sails on seeing him and seemed to go over to the Eastern shore, as they appeared just at night coming, I ordered the Guards on the batteaüs to be particularly watchfull, our Deserters of which they have two from Gages & one from the Inniskelling, who are suspected of having committed a Robbery in Camp, may have flattered them they can burn the boats. I ordered a party out at day break to go down by the east side, to return by the west Shore, that if they have landed any scalping party, I may catch them.

7th we had bad weather I directed Major Ord

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to prepare a number of hand barcasses loaded with Grenades which may be of Scrvice if I should have an opportunity at trying to surprise Montreal, I ordered Petards likewise to be prepared.

8th it rained the whole day, very bad weather, entirely put a Stop to the works, I had a Letter from Colonel Montresor in answer to my Questions about Fort George that he could not finish it this Season, but could shut up the Citadel Bastion by a retrenchment at the Gorge which will then be a small Fort of itself & he then could spare several Artificers to come here. as the small Fort of the one already built by the Lake side will be full sufficient as that Post is no longer a Frontier, I could not hesitate about ordering this to be done, & the Fort may at any time hereafter be compleatly finished.

9th it rained in the morning turned fair afterwards so that the works went on. the Party returned from N° 4 made the Road 77 miles, but it may be much shortened. fresh Provisions now and then, and a constant supply of Spruce beer keeps the Army in good health and they work well.

10th the Captain of the Guard boats sent me some Letters, he had stoped Capt d Isserat of the

Regt de la Reine nine miles off who was very unwilling to part with his dispatches without deliver:-ing them himself at Crown point, contained a Let:-ter from Monsr de Montcalm not dated not dated, acquainting me Capt Kennedy & Lt Hamilton were Prisoners, I answered the Letters & sent an Aid de Camp to sift out in what manner Capt Kennedy was taken whether in going to M Jeneral Wolfe or in returning. I had likewise a Letter from Monsr de Bourlemaque, and one from Lt Fletcher that he was taken with three Men between St Johns & Montreal having been surrounded by 70 Indians who killed three of his Party, one a Lieut of the Provincials who chose to go a Volunteer.

11th Captain Kennedy was unluckily taken by some of St Francis Indians who were out a hunting, as he was going to M Jeneral Wolfe. the Lt Govern:-or of New Yorke wrote me word he had sent twelve 16 Pounders and eight 12 pounders of the Guns I had requested intending them for Oswego & La Galette I am obliged to bring all the Guns from Fort Edward to this Place which will do for the present, and as I wrote to Lord Ligonier in the winter to beg some Guns might be sent from England for the Forts, I am in hopes they will arrive.

12th as Captain Kennedy's Journey to & from M Genl

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Wolfe was no longer depending I ordered a detachment of 220 chosen men under the command of Major Rogers that he may destroy the St Francis Indian Settlements and the french Settlements on the South Side the River St Laurence.

13th I sent an Aid de camp to Tionderoga to try to get any Artificers that can possibly be spared from thence & the landing place; as like=wise to quicken up Capt Loring in preparing his affairs, & to get sails for such boats as can carry Guns that I may effectually demolish the Enemys Draft. I ordered a party to explore more of the Hudson's river.

14th the Sergeant with his Party returned from the Isle au Roisc, he attempted to burn the Vessell the 11th at ten at night, had got the combustibles to the bow and had near accomplished the de=sign, but I presume made some noise as a man on board discovered them & alarmed the Guard & the whole Camp from whence all the Guards fired, but the men got off unhurt, left the combustibles at the bow & two blankets on the shore, if they had more punctually obeyed my orders which were to do it at two in the morn=ing, they probably had Succeeded.

15th I had a Letter from the Lt Governor

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of New Yorke in answer to mine demanding that the Troops might be paid for the month of November as I thought His Majesty's Service would require their help, so that they could not return to their homes by the 1st of that month. I had made the same application to the other provinces. the Lt Governor thinks the Assembly will not grant it.

16th a Lieut with thirty Masons arrived from Fort George to help on with the works here.

17th it rained the greatest part of last night, and a continued rain & Storm all this day put a stop to the works. Captain Smith with his Comp: pany which had dessrted from Albany arrived by the new road from R.o.4.

18th five men of Capt Jutes party who went from hence the 26th Augst returned with a Letter from Capt Jute of the 12th acquainting me that he could get but 8 miles up the riviere de Sable with his boat, was got 100 miles by land & hoped soon to reach Swegatchi, sent back these Men to meet him at his boat with provisions. at night half the Indians and some men of Major Rogers's party who had fell sick returned with Capt Williams & an Officer of the Provincials who were very ill, Major Rogers had been obliged to lay by in the Otter River waiting for a dark

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night or Fog to pass the Enemy's Vessels which were cruising off the River.

19th a man of the R: Highland and one of Montgomerys light Infantry were brought in, wounded by a firelock accidentally going off, and the man of the R: Highlanders dyed soon after his arrival. this makes forty men returned of Major Rogers's detachment, but he has men enough left to execute the service he is sent on. I received a Letter from Br General Gage (to my great con:cern) that he had been obliged to give over the thoughts of taking post at la Gallette from the many difficultys and impossibilities he found there would be in erecting a Post there before Winter. the brank of our Saw mill broke a second time, unlucky as the Mill ought to supply every plank & board that is wanted, I ordered it to be repaired instantly. I directed the comanding Officers of Regi:ments to send for flannel Waistcoats, Leggens & Socks for the Men, as our Quarters will be more northerly than they have been and probably we may stay longer in the Field.

20th it rained & blew hard in the night put a stop to the working in the morning, but cleared up afterwards. the Barracks began in the Fortress. the fence & blockhouses forwarding

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space by which all the battle are kept secure & it will not be practicable for any small partys (if they should venture so far up the Lake) to creep in & pick off any men.

21st fine weather, the Provincials begin to grow sick and lose some men, they are growing homesick, tho' I am told much less so than they have been any other Campaign. (they are excellent Axe-men, the works could not be carryed on without them, and the Zeal and activity of their Colonels is of the greatest assistance in forwarding the works.

22d more rain but did not retard the works.

23d a great deal of rain fell, an Aid de Camp returned from Tionderoga, the Mill will go soon, and Capt Loring thinks he shall have his Vessels ready in eight days.

24th the Stone Barracks raising fast the materials of all kinds very good. received provisions from Tionderoga.

25th Letters from Boston bring an account of Major General Wolfe having encreased his batteries on Point Levi on the 11th of August. I have not yet heard from him, and he may likely be in the same Situation in regard to me, tho' I have taken all the precautions I could in writing by

different conveyances that some might arrive safe at hand.

26th The Lake is risen surprisingly full three feet perpendicular forced us to move the Magaz=zine of Provisions, Shot, Shells &c. this may be occasioned by the Pickets the Enemy has fixed across in both Channels by the Isle au Noix.

27th I sent for more provisions that I may be ready to move with all the men that can be spared so soon as the Brigt & Sloop can come here.

28th I sent an Aid de Camp to Tionderoga to push on the works which are carrying on there. Provisions arrived, Batteaus very leaky. but tim=ber for the Casemates on the opposite Isthmus

29th Captain Loring promised to have the Brig & Sloop ready next week. the Radeau was launched 64 Feet in length, and 20 Feet in breadth to carry six 24 pounders

30th I was forced to condemn a quantity of biscuit Spoiled by the Wet in the batteaus. the crank of the Mill broke again, but one wheel continues to go.

October 1st I sent to load the Brig & Sloop with a proper proportion of as much provision as

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they could quite conveniently carry without any obstruction to their sailing or fighting their Guns.

2d I received a Letter from Boston with an account of Prince Ferdinand's Victory on the 1st of August. a party returned from exploring South bay, Wood creeks &ca.

3d a party returned from exploring the Sources of the Hudson's River. a Lieutenant came in with six men from Major Rogers's party whom he left nine days since forty Miles beyond Mischiscoüe bay, the Lt was sent back from an Accident of having lamed himself and to let me know the Major would pursue the orders I had given him, but thought he might be obliged to return by Nº 4.

4th sent to Nº 4 to take some provisions up to Wells's river in case the Detachment should come back that route. ordered a quantity of bread to be baked at Tionderoga. contrary winds have hindered the floats of timber from getting here, which has kept back the works a little.

5th two of the Block houses got up. as the Number of sick of the Provincials encreased and several will not be fit for any further service this Campaign, I ordered the Surgeons of the Hospital to visit and report them accordingly that the useless may be sent home.

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6th sent a party down the lake to way lay at a Place where a Canoo was found laid near the Shore. the Party returned as it was plain the Canoo must have been left there some weeks since at least.

7th repairing & caulking the whale boats & batteaüs, an Officer and 52 men of Babcocks arrived from Fort George. I sent 400 of the Pro: =vincials to the Hospital at Albany to be so far in the way to their homes & to go as soon as they are able

8th sent a party of Grenadiers & light Inf: =fantry in batteaüs to bring Woosters Regt & 200 of Willards from Tionderoga, from whence they may now be spared to joyn the Army at Brown point, that when I go from hence I may leave as many men as I can to continue the works at the Fort and I shall not take any Artificer away, very fine weather and the wind fair for some days if the Brig: & Sloop were ready.

9th sent two Scouts of a Serjeant & six men each, one to the east & the other to the West side of the Isle au Noise to get me a prisoner for intelligence, as I shall probably not have any except from thence, & the Serjeants to meet me on the Lake. I likewise sent Lt Meredith

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of Lyages with six men to go to the river Khasy which is five or six miles on this side the point au fer to try to find out a carrying place be:=tween that river & Khatoguay river, that I may be at a certainty how far it is practicable to send a party towards Montreal if occasion should offer. in the night Ensign Hutchings of the Rangers who I had dispatched to M: Genl: Wolfe & arrived there the 4th of Sept: came with Capt Stobo of the Virginians. They quitted M: Genl: Wolfe on the 7th of Sept: and got out of the river St Laurence in four days, but unfortunately were taken the 29th by a Pirate twelve leagues off Halifax and had threwn all their dispatches over board, and the Pirate stript them of every thing else, put them on board a Schooner with some more Men he had taken gave them one days provision & they got to Halifax in three, from thence they came by Boston here. the Pirate had fifty men & four Swivels, was fitted out from Miramichi & had tak:=en four Vessels.

10th the Duke of Cumberland Brigantine ar:=rived & anchored out of sight of any partys that may be on the look out upon the Hills, she has six 6 pounders, twelve 4 pounds: & twenty Swivels, 70 Seamen & 60 Marines detached from the Troops

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& I have put two Lieut: on board besides the Officer of Marines on this occasion. Capt Loring tells me the Sloop will be here to morrow, I have every thing ready to set out so soon as she comes. in the afternoon Letters arrived from England by a Packet.

11th the Boscawen Sloop arrived she has four 6 pounders twelve 4 pounders & twenty two Swiv=els. 60 Seamen & 50 marines with Lieut: Grant of Montgomrij's to command her, and an Officer of marines. I ordered the ammunition & Stores that were wanted in the Sloop to be put on board & the Troops to strike their Tents & load their batteaüs that I may proceed directly as it is fine weather & a fair wind. I called the comanding Officers of the Provincial Regts together to recommend to them the pursuing the works under the direction of Lt Col: Eyre Engineer, whom I am forced to leave for that purpose, with all the help they can possibly give him & I left the command of the Troops to Colonel Ruggles with orders accordingly, & 300 men of the Regulars to give the daily Guards. I gave orders to Capt Loring. sent Capt Abercrombie one of my Aides de Camp to remain on board. the Sloop & Brig: got out about 4 oblock sailed with a fair wind & the Troops followed in four Columns

with a light hoisted in the night on board the Radeau

12th at day break heard some Guns, Major Gladwin of Gages sent me word he saw the Vessels engaged but soon after found his mistake, & Major Reid returning with some batteaus of the R: Highland Regt reported the Sloops had fired on him, he had lost the Columns in the night, followed the light of the Brig: for the Radeau & at day break found himself amongst the Enemys Sloops at les Isles au quatre Vent, they fired several Guns & I suppose struck one batteau as they took one with Lt McKay one Serjeant one Corporal & Eighteen men. Soon after I saw the Enemys Sloops make all the sail they could. towards night bad weather came on & I ordered the Troops into a bay on the western shore. to be covered from the wind which begun to blow hard. sent the men on Shore to boil the Pots & rest themselves by walking about. I ordered the Rangers on an Island and Gages advanced on the Shore

13th it blew a Storm and quite contrary wind, continued so all day

14th I had Letters from Capt Loring & Capt Abercrombie that on the 12th at day break when they judged they were 45 miles down the Lake, they saw the Schooner gave chace & unfortunately

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ran the Brig: & Sloop aground, but got both off again & then saw the Enemy's Sloops, which they had passed in the night, between them & the Army & chaced to bring them to action, drove them into a bay on the western Shore & anchored so as to prevent their getting away. the next day sent into the bay in search of them & found they had sunk two of them in five fathom water & run the third on ground, & that the brews were escaped, the he had order:=ed Capt Grant with the Sloop to try to save the Vessel with the Stores Guns & Rigging & that he would go to his Station & hoped to get between the Schooner and Isle au Noix. the men who brought me the Letter said Capt Loring was about thirty miles off & that it was im:=possible for a boat to get back while the wind continued

15th it has blown a Storm with rain all night, the continuance of it this day makes the lake impassable for boats, the Waves run like the Sea in a Gale of wind, I hope it will soon change as I have no time to lose.

16th it frose in the night and this morning no change of Weather I remained in the same place where the Batteaüs were very

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luckily covered from the wind.

17th the same contrary wind continued. in the afternoon two Whale boats which I had dis=patched to Capt: Loring on the 13th came back, the Crews said they had been trying since that day, all they could to get down but could not & were forced to return.

18th the wind came to the Southward I proceeded down the Lake to the place where the french Sloops are, one is so far repaired that she is sailed this day with the Brigantine & Sloop, I detached 200 men in whale boats to try to assist Capt Loring in looking for the Schooner. a boat arrived from Crown Point with a Letter from Lt Governor Delancey, acquainting me he had received a Letter from Br General Whitmore, that Quebec had surrendered the 18th Sept.

19th the wind northerly & contrary & an appearance of winter set in determined me not to lose time on the Lake by striving to get to the Isle au Noix, where I should arrive too late in the Season to force the Enemy from their fixed Post, but to return to Crown Point to com=pleat the works there as much as possible before the Troops go into their winter Quarters, & I re=turned with the Troops to the same bay I came from.

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20th I pursued my Route & got within 12 miles of brown point lay the night on the eastern shore, sent the light Infantry & Grenadiers who were in whale boats on to brown point, left the Rangers with the Radeau & boats with Guns which could not come on so fast.

21st set out again in the Morning and arrived at brown point at 2 o'Clock

22d I enclose to you, Sir, Plans of the Fortress & dependant Forts at this place with a Survey of the Ground and Lake about them, they will not be so compleatly finished as I intended they should be but I think I may assure you that they will be so respectable, that the Enemy can do nothing against them, if the Enemy attempts it.

Some of the Places where Posts have been established are subjected by custom to a rent being paid to the supposed Proprietor, tho' the whole bountry about them would have been abandoned if Posts had not been erected there; to avoid this expence or any future disputes I have thought it for the benefit of His Majestys Service to fix a boundary at first to each Fort, which I hope will have your approbation, as it appears to me, it will be of great use to the Garrison, a

saving to the Publick, and is necessary to the defence of the Place.

The Repairs at Tionderoga are finished but the Engineers have been so employed, I have not as yet a Plan & Survey of the Place or I should send it to you.

the building the Vessels has been a tedious af:=fair. they have now tho' late, the entire dominion of the Lake, & I imagine Captain Loring will weigh up the two Sloops which are sunk: I have directed him to do as he judges best.

I shall continue the works here so long as I possibly can, and shall then try to dispose of His Majesty's Troops in such Quarters that they may effectually protect this Country from any in:=roads of the Enemy, & I shall not neglect to have a due regard to the care and preservation of the health of the men.

I enclose to you, Sir, such papers as I judge can anywise tend towards giving you a full information of every thing that relates to His Majesty's service where I have the honour to command, and I beg leave to repeat my assurances, that I shall continue my utmost Endeavours to execute every part that may depend on me to the

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best of my capacity.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

R^t: Honble: Mr Pitt

Endorsed Camp at Crown Point / Oct^r: 22^d: 1759 /

Maj^r Genl: Amherst / R^d Nov^r: 24th:

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Schedule of Papers refexr'd to in Major General Amherst's Letter to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt—

Bearing date Camp of Brown Point October 22d. 1759.—

No. 1 ..... Copy Letter from General Amherst, To Mr. Commissary Leake Orders to Contract for a Sufficient Number of Live Cattle to Supply the Garrisons of Tienderoga and Crown Point (Computed at One Thousand or Eleven Hundred men) dur:=ing the Winter with Fresh provisions at least three times a week provided the Cost of it does not exceed that of Salt, Which by their being drove thro' the New Road Cutt to No. 4, the Extreme good pasturee there is for them here, and the Hay that is ordered to be made to fodder them in the Winter must of course make them come cheaper ..... 1759 August, 10th.

No. 2 ..... Extract of a Letter from Mr. Commissary Leake to the General, In Answer to the foregoing, Acquainting him that in Consequence thereof he had agreed for 240. Oxen, to weigh on an Aver:=age Five Hundred pds. each, to be delivered at the desired places between the 1st. & 16th. of October next, &ca ..... Do. 19th.

No. 3 ..... Copy Letter from the General to Colonel Bradstreet; Orders for an Augmentation of Batteaus

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on the Mohawk River, for the more Speedy and certain Supply of provisions for the Army to the Westward; As also to begin laying in the Necessary Quantities for the Winter..... 10th. 10th.

No. 4 ....Copy Instructions to the Commandant of Fort Edward for the time being, To have a Bound:=ary marked and fixed of One Thousand Yards distance from the Saliant Angle of each Bastion, and that a Line be drawn marking the said Circle, & that the ground within the Same be Set apart for the defence of the Fort and no person Whatsoever to build within those Limits without the consent of said Commandant.... June 18th.

No. 5 ....Copy Orders To the Commandant of Oswego for the time being, To have a Boundary [2] Marked and fixed of Fifteen / Hundred Yards Dis:=tance from the Saliant Angle of each Bastion and that a line be drawn marking the said Circle, and that the ground within the same be set apart for the Defence of the Fort and no person Whatsoever to build within these Limits with:=out the Consent of Said Commandant..... Augt 21st.

No. 6 .....Copy Orders to the Commandant of Niagara for the time being to have a Boundary marked and fixed of Two Thousand Yards Dis:=tance from the Saliant Angle of each Bastion,

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and that a Line be drawn marking the said
Circle and that the Ground within the same be
set apart for the Defence of the Fort; and no
person Whatsoever to build within those Limits
without the consent of said Commandant .... Do. Do.

No. 7 .... Copy of the General's Instructions to Capt
Quinton Kennedy of His Majesty's 17th Regt. to
serve him by way of credential in case he
should be Stopped by any of the Enemy Ind=
=dians in his way to Major Genl. Wolfe, across
Lake Champlain ..... Do. 8th

No. 8 .... Copy of the Genl's Instructions to Capt.
Wheelock, as Commissary for paying the Subsistence
money &c. to the French Prisoners of War .... Sept. 7th

No. 9 .... Form of a Parole to be taken of the French
Prisoners Delivered to Capt. Wheelock with his
Instructions ..... Do. Do.

No. 10 .... Copy Letter from M. Montcalm to the General
in relation to the Exchange of prisoners; disavow:
=ing the Cayuga Indian Executed for the mur:
=der of Mr. Michael, Committed by his (the Ind=
=ian's) own confession at the Instigation of the
French; and Informing the Genl. that General
Wolfe, il y a dix huit Jours paroit occupé des
Incendiez Quebec ..... July 30th

No. 11 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to M. de

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Montcalm In Answer to the foregoing; That as he had not Yet been able to Collect the prison: =ers he could not for the present add any thing further on that head, but that he would renew his orders for causing them to be drawn nearex to the Frontiers.- That what he had mentioned to him in relation to the Cayuga Indian was only to Convince him that he was Determined to put a Stop to their Cruelties and Should have treated one of our own Indians that had been guilty of the like Crime in the Same Manner. Augt. 15th./

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Nº. 12..... Copy of a Letter from M. Bourlamaque to the Genl. Desiring a List of the Men's Names that Remained behind after the Evacuation of Tienderoga..... Augt. 13th.

Nº. 13.... Copy of a Letter from yt Genl. to M. de Bour: =lamaque In Answer to the foregoing; That the Prisoners he enquired after were Twenty in Number, that they were Sent to New York, Whence he ex: =pected a List of their names, and untill he received it, he could not Satisfy his Demand-August 15th.

Nº. 14.... Copy of a Letter from the Marq. de Montcalm to the Genl. Desiring that the Prisoners taken at Niagara may be sent back at the Same time with the others, And that the Ex: =change may take place before the 15th. October,

, as otherwise it will be Attended with great dif=
=ficulties; that if it cannot, he will Send the
English Prisoners to England and hopes the
General will Send the French ones to France..
That notwithstanding the great care of the Eng=
=lish Officers our Indians had pillaged <u>quel=
=ques Equipages</u>- That Capt. Kennedy & Lieut.
Hamilton were prisoners with them, and Should
be sent back, altho' Considering the Errand they
were Sent upon, the Laws of War would Justi=
=fy their not being looked upon as Such... without date
N°. 15.... Copy of a Letter from the Gent. to
the Marquiss de Montcalm That if the Ex=
=change had not Yet taken place, it was owing
to circumstances; that Mean While he had
provided for the good treatment & care of
theirs by Appointing a Commissary to Attend
them; Nevertheless that he was very desirous
of fullfilling the Cartel, & would renew his
orders in Consequence; that if in the Interim, he
(Mr. Montcalm) would send back ours, he might
Depend on a Like number and of the Same
Rank of theirs Pcâ, that if he does not Ap=
=prove of this measure, and that the Exchange
cannot take place before the 15th. Octr. he will
do well to send Ours to England and that

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he will Send theirs to France – That he cannot help thinking the Report of our Indians pillag=ing, were without any just Grounds – And that he expected no less than to have Capt. Kennedy and Lieut. Hamilton returned as he (Mr. Montcalm) could look upon them in no other light than Prisoners of War ..... Sept.r 10th./

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No. 16 .... Copy of a Letter from Mor. Bourla=maque to the Genl. Accompanying Mor. Montcalm's and Several others for the French Prisoners .. Sept.r 8th.

No. 17 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Mor. de Bourlamaque Acknowledging the receipt of his, and desiring him to forward his Answer to Mor. Montcalm, with Sundry others from the French Prisoners to their Friends in Canada .. Sept.r 10th.

No. 18 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Major General Wolfe By Ensign Hutchins of the Rangers, Informing him of the Surrender of Niagara and the present Situation of Af=fairs here ..... August 7th.

No. 19 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Major Genl. Wolfe by an Officer going to Louisbourg; further Intelligence of his Situation, with the copy of Mr. Montcalm's Letter of 30th July ... No. 29th

No. 20 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Admiral Saunders Acquainting him with the

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number of Prisoners taken at Niagara, there being Sent to New York, And that he Imag:=ined it would be for the good of His Ma:=jesty's Service, they should be sent to Eng:=land; Wherefore if the Service would permit, he should be glad the Admiral would Send Transports & a Convoy to Conduct them thither from New York..... Do. 4th.

No. 21.... Copy of a Letter from the Gen.t to Admiral Saunders That from the Considerable Number of French Prisoners in England and the intended Invasion of it by France, he had wrote to the Lt. Gov.t of New York, that he Should defer Sending the French Prisoners in that province to England until he Re:=ceived further particulars from thence..... Do. 29th.

No. 22.... Copy of a Letter from the General to Brig.r Gen.l Gage; That as it was neces:=sary to begin thinking of Victualling Niagara, for the Winter, as well as the Several other Posts from Oswego along the Mohawk River down to Albany, he Should therefore make his Calculation accordingly, and transmit it to the Contractor, to Whom he (the General) Sent orders to Comply therewith _ That a Communication must be opened by Land from

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Herkheimer to Fort Stanwix, and on the South side of the Lake, from Fort Stanwix to Os=
=wego, by Cutting Roads with orders relative thereto;- And Acquainting him of the Applica:
=tion to Sir Willm Johnson for the Collecting of
[5] a Body of /Indians to join in the Ulterior
Operations ..... Augt 6th

N° 23. .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl to Brig^r Genl Gage or Officer Commanding at Oswego, Im:
=forms the Brig^r that in order to Secure the cer:
=tainty of provisions being laid in, in time he had ordered an Encrease of Half the number of Batteaus, that were first allotted for that Ser:
=vice, between Schenectady & Fort Stanwix, and therefore it would be necessary to Send Some from Oswego, to keep up the Same proportion along the Chain of Posts;- That Whatever Artillery he might want for his ulterior operations, he might take from Niagara, leaving a Sufficiency at that Post.. N° 10th.

N° 24 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl to the Brig^r Acquainting him that Major Christie being Arrived with His Majesty's Commission of Dep: Quarter Master General, he Sent him to observe as Such in his Department; giving him at the Same time, an Account of What is passing here, and recom:
=mending to him in the Strongest manner to

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pursue his Ulterior Operations, Which were of the utmost Consequence as nothing could now hinder him from taking Post at La Galette, Whereby we Should be entire Masters of Lake Ontario, and thereby the Inhabitants of the Mohawk River be as Effectually freed from all Inroads of the Enemy as the Whole Coun: =try from Crown Point to New York is by the Reduction of Tienderoga or this Important place. Do. 14th.

No. 25.... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to the Brigr. That by the Accounts received from Colonel Bradstreet at Albany, it's pretty certain provisions will not fail.- Enclosing the Instruc: =tions to the Commandants of Oswego and Niagara for fixing a boundary round the same for their better defence; And advising him of a Company of 97 men of the New hampshire Regt. having passed Albany to Join their Regt at Oswego..... Do. 21st.

No. 26..... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Brigr. Enclosing an Extract of a Letter from Brigr. Stanwix with the Genls. Answer thereto in relation to the relief of the Garrison of Niagara, Which Seemed to meet with Some difficulties from the Southward; Observing at the same time, that Supposing it Should not

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be relieved, the Brig.r had Numbers full Sufficient
for his Operations. . . . . Sept.r 2.d /
[b] No. 27 . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to
Brig.r Gage, State of Affairs at Crown Point;
And hoping that the relief of the Garrison of
Niagara from the Southward will take place,
as it is not only of great Consequence at present,
if they can be back to Act in time, but that
they may be wanted for the Garrisons during
the Winter; — And hopes that he will Effec:
=tually Secure the Post at La Galette . . . . . Septem.r 11.th
No. 28 . . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to
Brig.r Gage, Expressing his Concern to find by the
Brig.rs of the 11.th Sept.r that he had Determined
not to take Post at La Galette; and Orders in
Consequence thereof. . . . . No. 21.st
No. 29 . . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to
Brig.r Gage, that he need not be under any
Apprehensions of not being timely Supplied with
provisions for the Garrisons; that he had ordered
the Army to the Westward to be first Supplied.
That he hoped he had Sent home the Indians
Since they could now be of no use; and that the
Expence of provisions for them was very great
to the Government; — And desiring to know What
Garrisons each Post within his Department was able

to Contain ..... October 2d

No. 30.... Copy of a Letter from Brigr. Genl. Stanwix to the General Enclosing Intelligence of a Body of French and Indians, being prepared to go and Attack Pittsburg, but that upon a Letter received the Eve of their Departure Acquainting them of our March towards Niagara they altered their Route and proceeded to the relief of said Fort;- That every means shall be tried to get up provisions to Pittsburgh, Notwithstanding the Innumerable Difficulties he has to Struggle with;- That the Communication is much Infested by Small parties of Indians; And that there has been a Conference with the Chiefs of many Nations of Indians to Confirm the Treaty of Euston to mutual Satisfaction ..... July 23d.

No. 31.... Copy of Indian Intelligences Enclosed in the foregoing ..... No. 15.

No. 32.... Copy of a Letter from Brigr. Stanwix to the General Complaining of the difficulties he meets with in getting up a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions; the Same Encreased thro' the Vast Consumption of the Indians; The measures he is taking to get up large Convoys; And Capt. Jocelyne being Killed in repulsing the Enemy that had Attacked one of those Convoys &ca. ..... August, 14th

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[7] Nº. 33 ..... Copy of a Letter from Brigr. Stanwix to the Genl. / Acquainting him that the French upon hearing of Niagara's being taken, had retired from Venango Le Beuf & Presqu' Isle – That Major Tulli: =ken was at Pittsburg with 400 Royal Americans, destined for Niagara, but that the Ohio is so uncommonly low, that it is not now possible to get up that River, even in Canoes; – That he had wrote to Sr Wm. Johnson to send Batteaus to Presqu' Isle and Desires the General would Send like orders lest it should have Slipped them; – and repeating the Insurmountable Diffi: =culties he meets with in forming even a small Magazine of Provisions at Pittsburg ..... August 16th.

Nº. 34 ..... Copy of a Letter from Brigr. Stanwix to the Genl.; That upon Intelligence received from Sir Wm. Johnson that Niagara will require a Garrison of 500 men at least, he proposes to Send Major Tulliken with 500 Rank & File of the 1st Batt.n Royl. Americans on that Service but that it will be Impracticable to get this Relief from Presqu' Isle to Niagara without Batteaus are Sent from the latter to the former for that pur: =pose – That he is using every Method to procure a Magazine of provisions at Pittsburg, Which had as Yet proved inneffectual chiefly from the Inundation

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of Indians, Who Consumed an Immense Quantity. No. 23d
No. 35 .... Copy of a Letter from Sir William Johnson Bart. to Brigr. Stanwix Acquainting the Brigr. with the Surrender of Niagara & Enclosed to the Genl. in the foregoing ..... July 25th.
No. 36 .... Copy of a Letter from Colonel Hugh Mercer Commandant of Pittsburg To Brigr. Stanwix also Enclosed in the foregoing to the Genl., Setting forth the Difficulties of getting a Body of Troops to Niagara, unless Batteaus are Sent from thence to Presque 'Isle for that purpose ... Augt. 20th
No. 37 ..... Copy of a Letter from Brigr. Stanwix to the General Repeating the Insurmountable difficulties he meets with in forming a proper Magazine of provisions at Pittsburg;- the Unlikelyhoods of his being able to Relieve Niagara; And that the Fort is begun, Which, it is judged, When finished will be of Sufficient Strength and every way Adequate to the great Importance of its Several Objects, but does not Seem to think it would be finished this Year ..... Septr. 17th/ [S.]
No. 38 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Brigr. Stanwix, Acquainting him with his having taken possession of this Ground, and that the Evening of his Arrival there, he had Received the Intelligence of the Surrender of Niagara

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Which could not fail of Ensuring the Brig.rs Success. Aug.t 8th

N.o 39 . . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to Brig.r Stanwix In Answer to his of the 14th. Aug.t and Acquainting him with the weakness of the French Posts at Venango &.ca, from Whence he concludes that all obstructions to Relieve the Garr:rison of Niagara will be removed;- The Brig.r will do his utmost to relieve it as soon as he can as it is of the greatest Consequence to the Ulterior Operations it should . . . . . D.o 31st.

N.o 40 . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to Brig.r Stanwix, In Answer to his of the 16th Aug.st repeating the Consequence it is of, to the Ulterior Operations that he should Immediately Relieve the Garrison of Niagara; Col.o Bouquet would be the properest person for the Command of that Fort, & that nothing must be ommitted that can anywise tend to the Defence of it; Concluding with hopes, that now the Enemy is entirely Routed from his Communication, the Advancing of the Troops will prove less difficult than has been Imagined . . . . . Sept.r 2.d

N.o 41 . . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Gen.l to Brig.r Stanwix Acknowledging the receipt of his of 23.d Aug.t, & referring him for an Answer thereto, to the foregoing; transmitting him at the Same

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time, Copy of a Letter from Govr. Fauquier in relation to the keeping up the Virginia Forces after the 1st of December..... Do. 14th

No. 42.... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to the Brigr. Acknowledg'g the receipt of his of the 17th Septr. - hoping the Fort would be finished this Year and trusting that he would have relieved the Garrison of Niagara..... Octr. 9th

No. 43.... Copy of a Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson Bart. To the General, containing a further Acct. of the great Dammage done to the Enemy by his Indians burning and Destroying their Store: houses &ca; That a Chipaweigh Indian had been brought in, Whom he would Dismiss with a handsome present and hoped to make use of him in Settling an Alliance between us and them distant Nations; that he Should Set out in two or three days for Oswego, leaving 600 men of the 44th & 100 Yorkers under the Command of Lt. Colonel Farquhar, to Garrison the Fort and Carry on its Repairs; that he was fitting out two Small Vessells found there, & Should Send for the Carpenters from Oswego, as Niagara on Acct. of its Depth of Water and the Quantity of Timber fit for that purpose was the best place for Building Vessells &ca..... July 31st

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Nº. 44..... Copy of a Letter from Sir Wm. to the Genl. Acquainting him of his Arrival at Oswego; That the Enemy have an Army of Observation at Cadaraqui, from Which they Send frequent Scouts to Watch our Motions, & Conjectures, that on our Approach they would retire to their Strong Post near La Galette,— That two of the Enemy's large Schooners were seen off an Island, in order, he Supposes to dispute the Entrance of the River with our Batteaus &ca with hints relative to the Importance of the Post of Oswego..... Augst. 9th

Nº. 45..... Copy of a Letter from Sir Wm. to the Genl. Informing him of the Number of Indians he has with him, & that he daily Expects more, that in Consequence of the Message he had Sent by the Chipaweigh Indian to the Missassagas &ca a Number had Arrived at Niagara, & that from the Conferences & proceedings held with them there, he did not doubt, When time would permit by means of a proper present to bring the Missassagas & their Neighbours so much into our Interest to prevail on them to fall upon & Distress all the Enemy's Settlements in the Country adjacent..... Do. 30th.

Nº. 46..... Copy of a Letter from Sir Wm. to the General; That the Season was too far advanced

to bring up the Presents he Intended for the Missassagas, but that he Should leave a proper person at Niagara to transact matters with them, until he has an opportunity of getting them up. That the Mohawks were all Arrived with Some Oneidas and that the Cayugas were on their way to join him.— That Indian Affairs to the Southward bear a very favorable Aspect . . . . . Septr. 18th.

N°. 47 . . . Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Sir Wm. Acknowledg^{g}. the receipt of his of 25th. July (gone home by Capt. Prescott), Acquaint-ing him of Brig^{r}. Genl. Gage being Sett out to Succeed Brig^{r}. Prideaux and desiring him if possible, to procure with all convenient Speed Such a Body of Indians as he Should be able to Collect to Join in the Ulterior Operations pointed out to Brig^{r}. Gage . . . . . Augt. 6th. [1a]

N°. 48 . . . Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Sir Wm. Acknowledging the receipt of his of 31st. July; Approving his having Sent for the Ship Carpenters from Oswego; and hoping that by means of the Chipaweigh Indian he would be able to bring about & Settle an Alliance between us & them distant Nations.— . . . . . D^{o}. 14th.

N°. 49 . . . Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to

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Sir William Acknowledging the Receipt of his of the 9th Augt. & thanking him for the Hints Contained in it relative to the Importance of the Post of Oswego, &ca . . . . . Do. 21st

No. 50. . . . Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Sir Wm. In Answer to his of 30th Augt. Recommend=ing it to him to bring it to bear as early as possible, for Which he Should not want any Assistance that he could give him, Cautioning him at the same time how he Should treat with those People. . . . . Sept. 11th.

No. 51. . . . Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to Sir Wm. That as it has been Determined, not to take post at La Galette, he supposed Sir Wil=liam had left Oswego ere this, had sent home the Indians that were with him, and Counter=manded those that were to join him as they could be of no use, & must put the Government to a very great & needless expence; That could he have foreseen that the taking post at La Galette would have been laid aside, he Should have Desired Sir Wm to have joined him wt. his Indians on this Side; Approving what Sir Wm proposes in relation to the Missassagas. — And that he was glad to hear Indian Affairs to the Southward bore so favorable an Aspect : . . . . . Octo. 2d. —

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N°. 52.... Copy of a Circular Letter from the General to the Govrs. of Newhampshire, New York and Jerseys, Recommending it to them to move their Assemblies to make/ provision for their Troops for the Whole of the Month of Novr. for the Same reasons and on the Same Conditions as mentioned to the Govr. of the Massachusetts bay on the 28th. of Same Month..... August 30th. [11]

N°. 53.... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Govr. Wentworth On the Same Subject and to the same purport as to the Govr. of the Massachusetts bay of this date; with the additional Recom=mendation of causing the Road from N°.4 to be Compleated by the Inhabitants of New hamp:=shire quite up to Pennycook..... Do. 13th.

N°. 54.... Copy of a Lettex from Govr. Wentworth to the General That all the Provinces of New England ought to Contribute towards Garrisoning Such Posts as he Should Appoint on the Otter River, tho' Newhampshire will be benefited the least - That he should meet his Assembly on the 9th. October, When he would Acquaint them with the General having mark'd out a Road to Pennycook, and urge to them the Necessity of making proper Grants for that Service, and that it will be very pleasing to him if he Succeeds... Sepr. 8th.

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Nº.55 .... Copy of a Letter from the General to Govr. Wentworth That he Shall wait the Resolve of the Assembly, in relation to the road to Kenny:-cook, & hopes for their Concurrence.- That the Governor's Answer with regard to Garrisoning the Intended Posts on the Otter River, having been so long a Coming, and Govr. Pownall having given him no Encouragement to hope, the Mas:-sachusetts Bay would Acquiesce therein, he had for the present laid aside the Building of those Posts, and therefore these two Provinces must con:-tinue to Garrison the former Posts at Nº. 4, Fort Dummore & ca. .... Octr. 5th.

Nº. 56 .... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to Govr. Pownall; Thanks him and the Province for their Congratulations on the Success of His Ma:-jesty's Arms; That to Improve the Same he was Erecting a Strong fort at Crown Point; That he had, had the Otter River Explored; and that When the Whole Should be Surveyed, if Posts were
[12.] Necessary to be erected there, he Should Expect the Provinces of/ Massachusetts Bay & Newhamp:-shire would Garrison them in lieu of Nº. 4, Fort Dummer & ca; That he had people Employed in Cutting a Road from Crown Point to Nº. 4, and Recommending it to him to Encourage

the people of his province to frequent it, rather than round by Albany as it was so much shorter ..... Augt. 13th.

No. 57 ..... Extract of a Letter from the General to Govr. Pownall In Answer to the Govrs. of the 18th August, That from the Events of the Campaign, he is Still in Doubt Whether any Troops will be Quartered this winter at Boston, that if there Should, he Should Chuse to have them in the Town of Boston & in Castle William - That as the Assembly have made provision for their Troops only to the 1st of November, and that from Circumstances it may not be in his power to Send them home by them, he could wish he would move the Assembly for a further provision for the Whole Month of November and that they might be Assured they Should be kept no longer than Absolutely needs must, as he did not Intend to keep any of them for Garrisons ..... Do. 28th.

No. 58 .... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to Govr. Pownall In Answer to the Govrs. of the 27th August, That if he Should Receive the Same Answer from the Government of Newhampshire, he must lay aside the thoughts of building those posts ..... Septemr. 4th.

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No. 59 ..... Extract of a Letter from Govr. Pownall to the Genl. Informing him that he Should meet this Assembly the 19th. of Septr.; Wherefore he Should be glad previously to know, Whether the Genl. Should Quarter any Troops in his province during the Winter that he might move for a provision for their reception; And that as the Massachusetts forces were only raised, to the 1st. of Novr.; if the Circumstances of Affairs Should prevent their getting home by that time it would be necessary at that meeting to Apply for Such further provision for those Troops as the Genl. Should think he might have occasion for them after that period ..... Augt. 18th.

No. 60 .... Copy of a Letter from Govr. Pownall to the Genl.; That he had made publick the Matter of the road by No. 4;- That with regard to Garrisoning the Posts on Otter River, he had taken the advice of Council, and for the Reasons by them alledged, he did not think the General Court would Engage the Province in that Expence ..... August 27th.

No. 61 ..... Extract of a Letter from Govr. Pownall to the General Telling him that he would Endeavour that every thing he Desired in his Letter of the 28th Augt. Should be Effected as far as Depends on him. Septr. 3d

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No. 62..... Copy of a Letter from the Genl to Lieut. Govr. De Lancey Notifying to him his hav:=ing taken possession of brown Point, by the Evacuation of Which and the Reduction of Niagara, the Inhabits. of the Hudsons & Mohawk Rivers might come and reoccuppy their Abandoned Settlements, and recommending it to the Govr. to Invite them thereto; Adissing him at the same time, to Encamp the Prisoners on Hutten Island, untill they could be Sent to England. August 5th.

No. 63..... Copy Private Letter from the Genl. to the Lt. Govr. That as he did not Doubt the Province of New York would be glad to get rid of the French Prisoners, he had Wrote to Ad:=miral Saunders to Send Transports and a Convoy to take them away..... Do. 8th.

No. 64..... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt. Govr.; That for the reasons mentioned in his of the 5th & 8th August, he Should not Bhuse the Prisoners were Dispersed; Approving of his proposal of giving Certificates, provided it be not to French men, & to Protestants only as he is Sensible that their Labor must be of great advantage to the Country; recommend:=ing it to him at the Same time To Use Such precautions that none of them may Escape

to Carry Intelligence to the Enemy - Acquainting him at the Same time that he had Sent to Explore the Otter River, but that the Report made to him of it fell very short of the Idea he had conceived of that River upon prior Reports... Do. 13th.

No. 65.... Copey of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr. That upon Intelligence Received of an intended Invasion of England, and Understand:ing that the Number of French Prisoners there ammounted to near 30,000, he thought it ad:viseable to defer Encreasing that Number with those from hence untill he Received further particulars from England, Wherefore he should take his Measures Accordingly..... Do. 14th/

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No. 66.... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr. Recommending to him the Renewal of the Prohibitions agt. the Illicit & Collusive Exportation of Flour..... August 16th.

No. 67.... Copey of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr., That as a larger Number of Guns were necessary for the Forts building, than were in His Majesty's Arsenals in America, he beg'd he would Send him Twenty 18 pounders from those at New York..... Do. 21st.

No. 68.... Copey of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr. Approving of his Disposal, of the French

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Prisoners & repeating the necessity there was of keeping a Watchfull Eye over them; Some having already made their Escape but been retaken ..... Do. 28th.

No. 69 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr., That as the Affairs of his Govern:=ment will not admit of his being Charged with the Detail of the Prisoners, he should Appoint a Person for that purpose, Whom he should beg leave to Recommend to him, for his advice & assistance ..... Septemr. 4th.

No. 70 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr. Thanking him for the promise of the Guns and Acquainting him that Capt. Wheelock is the person Appointed to take care of the Prisoners, agreable to Instructions given him for that purpose, Which he is Directed to lay before the Governor, and to Reimburse him What he had advanced as per his Letter of the 30th August ..... Do. 7th.

No. 71 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt Govr. repeating to him the advantages that must result to the Province from its Inhabit:=ants coming Immediately to reoccuppy their abandoned Settlements under the Security of the Fort building here &ca, and for their further

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Encouragement Offering them three Several Spots
of Land between Lake George & Fort Edward;
Cleared & now Occuppied by small Garrisons .--Sept.r 11th.
No. 72.... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to
the Lieut. Governor Approving his Disposal of
the French Prisoners, the Limits Assigned them.
[15] Thanking him for the Cannon &ca, and Assuring/
him that he Shall not omitt his (the Govrs)
ready Compliance with his request on that head;-
And Acquainting him that he had given orders
to the Dep: paymaster Genl. to pay him the
Forty Thousand Pounds, he desired might be
Spared out of the Supply come in the Garland. Sept.r 14th.
No. 73.... Copy of a Letter from the General
to the Lt Govr. That he was Sorry to learn
that it would be Imprudent to Call the As=
=sembly on the point of making further pro=
=vision for their Troops; but that he beg'd
leave Notwithstanding all the Difficulties and
oppositions he might meet with, to Renew his
Recommendations of laying that Matter before
the Assembly, and trusting from the reasons
he lay'd down, they will agree to it, as the
Contrary must be Attended with very bad
Consequences to the General plan..... Do. 18th.
No. 74.... Copy of a Letter from the Genl.

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to the Lt. Govr. In Answer to his of the 17th Septr. That he is glad the Inhabitants are Returned; that had his Intentions of taking post at La Galette Succeeded, the Settlers on the North Side the Mohawk River might have done so too that he would Strengthen the Posts on the Mohawk River, and those between Fort Stanwix and Oswego as well as those two Important places, Which he hoped would Effectually Secure a quiet possession to the In:habitants on the South side the River, That he had Acquainted Genl. Lyman of his Offer to any of the Connecticutt people that would Come and Settle the three parcels of Land between Lake George and Fort Edward, and that he Should be glad to know What ownm:bers would be most agreable to him (the Lt. Govr.) to have in the Winter at New York, Long Island, or any other Places within that Governmt. ..... Do. 25th.

No. 75 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lieut. Govr., In Answer to his of the 20th. Septr., That if the Assembly can be pre:vailed on to make provision for the pay of their men, till they reach their Respective bain:ties, that will do equally well, As he had

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nothing more in view by his former Demand than to procure an Encouragment for the Men to join Chearfully in the present Es=
[16] =sential works Carrying on ..... Do. 28th/

No. 76 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt. Govr., That upon his of the 20th Septr. he had laid aside all thoughts of Summoning the Assembly, but that Since he now had, he was much oblidged to him and trusted it would be Attended with a favorable Issue- That it gave him great pleasure to learn that he had Discovered Some of those concerned in the illicit exportation of provisions and hoped they would meet with the punishment they Deserved.— And desiring that in every place Where there were any French Prisoners without any of their Officers he would order one, to Enable Capt. Wheelock to Comply the better with his Instructions ..... October 2d.

No. 77 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to the Lt. Govr., desiring the Continuance of his Attention to the putting an effectual Stop to the Illicit transportation of provisions, as Not.=withstanding What he had already done, Com:=plaints had again been lodged of that Shamefull abuse being continued & extended to the utmost extremity... Do. 9th

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No. 78 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Lieut. Govr. to the Genl. Acquainting him that as the Number of Prisoners is larger than he can Dispose of with Security in the Province, he Desires many of them may be Sent into the Jerseys & Connecticutt and as Several of them are not French men, proposes if Approv: =ed of to Give them Certificates to Seek their own Livelyhood under certain Restrictions... Augt. 6th.

No. 79 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Lt Govr. to the Genl. Acquainting him how he had Disposed of the French Prisoners ..... Do. 20th.

No. 80 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Lt Govr. to the Genl. That he had Given orders for Strictly putting into Execution the laws against Clandestine Transportation of Flour... Do. 24th.

No. 81 ..... Extract of a Letter from the Lt Govr. to the Genl. Relative to the French Prison: =ers, and of his having Advanced each Cap: =tain Fifty Dollars for present Subsistence of themselves & Subalterns ..... Do. 27th.

No. 82 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Lt Govr. to the Genl. That Notwithstanding some fears & Apprehensions of the Council he would Send him the Cannon that could be Spared ..... Do. 30th. / [7]

No. 83 ..... Copy of a Letter from the Lieut. Govr.

to the General That they were getting Cannon
on board the Sloops and that they should
go as Soon as possible . . . . . Sept.r 3.d

No. 84 . . . . Extract of a Letter from the Lieut.
Gov.r to the General Further Disposition made of
the French Officers, Limits Assign'd them and
orders given to prevent their Escapes; Enclosing
a List of the Cannon &.ca Sent by Capt. Lieut.
Gregg. Which together with those before drawn
from the Town, had much thinn'd their Bat:
-teries and therefore Begging the Gen.l would Ap:
=ply to the Board of Ordnance for a New Sup:
=ply for the Province.— That he would Con:
=sider What could be done in regard to fur:
=ther provision for their Troops, but that he
was Apprehensive the Assembly will not Inc
=cline to come into it; — And begging the General
would Spare them Forty Thousand Pounds out
of the Supply Arrived in the Garland . . . . . No. 6.th

No. 85 . . . . Copy Return of Ordnance & Stores
Delivered at New York to Capt. Lieut. Gregg En:
=closed to the Gen.l in the foregoing . . . . . — No. —

No. 86 . . . . Extract of a Letter from the Lt Gov.r
to the Gen.l; That he had made Some Enquiry
as to the Dispositions of the Assembly concerning
making further provision for their Troops, and

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that, for the Reasons he alledges, he is ad=
=vised that it would be Imprudent to Call the
Assembly upon this point, as it would Un=
=doubtedly be refused &ca . . . . . Do. 9th & 10th.

No. 87. . . . Extract of a Letter from the Lt
Governor to the Genl. Acquainting him that he
hears most of the Inhabitants Who had Aban=
=doned their Settlements are Returned and
Cultivating them, that with regard of the
three parcells of Land between Lake George
and Fort Edward, he would Give all the
Countenance he could to their being Settled,
and would very soon Issue a Proclamation
to Encourage the Inhabitants to Return to
their Settlements, and others to make New
ones, Advising the Genl at the Same time
to Offer the above three parcells to Some of
the Connecticutt Troops . . . . . Do. 17th./ [1s]

No. 88. . . . Extract of a Letter from the Lt
Govr. to the Genl. That he is Convinced the
Assembly will not Come into a Law to Con=
=tinue the Regiment beyond the 1st of November
but that if any part of them Should not
be able to get to their homes by then, he
thinks they will be prevailed on to make
provision for their pay till they reach their

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respective Counties and thanking the Genl. for the order on Mr. Mortier for Forty Thousand Pounds. Septemr. 20th

No. 89 .... Copy of a Letter from the Lt. Govr. to the Genl.- That upon his Letter of the 15th. Septr. he had by advice of Council ordered Circular Letters to Call the Assembly together the 16th. Octr. and that he would use any Influence he can have, to Induce them to Come into the General's proposal- Acquainting him at the Same time that Mr. Folliot & Mr. Depeyster had been Detected in sending Provisions to the French... Do. 24th.

No. 90 .... Copy of a Letter from Governor Bernard to the Genl. In Answer to his Circular Letter of 30th. Augt. That he had ordered a Council to meet to advise about it and Should Resolve on a proper method to provide for the pay:=ment of the Jersey Troops beyond the 1st of November ..... Do. 4th

No. 91 .... Copy of a Letter from Governor Ber:=nard to the General That his Council was of opinion it would not be necessary to Call the Assembly for Continuing the pay only, as provision was made for the pay of the men to the 15th. November, and that they may be Assured of their pay till their Return- That he was Desirous of avoiding to Call them

together now, in order to have them Sitting
at the end of the Campaign, When, if there
was any Probability of the Provinces being [97]
Called upon for their Compliment/next Spring,
he would Endeavour to Engage his Assembly
to keep in their pay as many of the Regi: .
=ment, as would re=enlist for next Cam=
=paign, for Which purpose he Desired to know
if Such men Should be entitled to the King's
provisions during the Winter . . . . . Sept.r 20th.

N.o 92 . . . . Copy of a Letter from the Genl.
to Governor Bernard That as the men might
be Assured of their pay, till their Return
without Calling together the Assembly, he
had at present no Reason to Induce him
to desire their Sitting before, he (the Gov.r)
Should think it most for the Good of the
Service, Approving the proposal he Intended
to make to them When they Should Sit,
as it was a Measure he had long ago
Recommended to all the Provinces, but that
he could not Answer putting the Publick
to the Expence of Victualling those Troops
During the Winter . . . . . Octo.r 2d.

N.o 93 . . . . Copy of a Letter from Gov.r Fauquier
to the General Acquainting him that he

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Should meet his Assembly the 13th. November, and Desiring to know if the Service would Require the Virginia Forces, to be kept in pay after the 1st. of December that he might move them in that Case, to make further provision. Augst. 18th.

Nº. 94 . . . . Copy of a Letter from the General to Govr. Fauquier in Answer to the Foregoing; Thanking him for his timely Notice and refer:=ring him to Brigr. Stanwix as it Depended on his Operations. . . . . Septr. 14th.

Nº. 95 . . . Duplicate of a Letter from Governor Lyttelton to the Genl. Accompanying four En:=closures being his two Messages to the Assembly concerning the Continuance of the Regt. in the/ [20.] Pay of the Province, and their Answers Declin:=ing the Same . . . . . Augst. 9th.

Nº. 96 . . . . Governor Lyttelton's Message to the Assembly of South Carolina Inclosed in the foregoing Duplicate . . . . . .

Nº. 97 . . . . Copy, of The Assembly of South Carolina's Answer to the Govrs. message, also En:=closed to the Genl. in the Foregoing Duplicate . . . July 9th.

Nº. 98 . . . . Govr. Lyttletons Message to the Assembly of South Carolina upon the foregoing Answer of 9th July to his Message likewise Enclosed in the 3d. Duplicate . . . . . .

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N°. 99 . . . . . Copy The Assembly of South Carolina's Answer to the Gov.rs Second Message Enclosed also in the foresaid Duplicate . . . . July 13th.

N°. 100 . . . . . Extract of a Letter from the Genl. to Gov.r Lyttleton In Answer to his of 9th August, Commending his Zeal and Lamenting the obstinacy of the Assembly . . . . . Octo.r 7th.

N°. 101 . . . . Copy of the Generals Orders to Capt. Joshua Loring Commanding His Majesty's Brig Duke of Cumberland and Sloop Boscawen . . Do. 10th.

N°. 102 . . . . Extract of a Letter from Gov.r Pownall to the Genl. Enclosing the Note of the Assembly, for the Continuance of the Forces in the pay of the Province till the 1st. of Decem.r Do. 9th.

N°. 103 . . . . . Copy Vote of the Assembly of the Massachusetts bay Enclosed in the foregoing . . Do. 6th.

Enclosed Schedule of Papers / refer'd to in M.r G.l Amherst's Letter. / of Oct.r 22d. 1759

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Camp of Crown Point 10th Augt 1759

Sir

I have this Moment the favor of Yours of Yesterday's date; I think You Judge quite right, in being in time with the Winter pro:-visions for the Garrisons to the Westward, and I would immediately have added, such a Number of Batteaus as will Ensure the taking up the Provisions, that nothing of that kind may fail; You will therefore please to order Thirty Batteaus, if so many Should be necessary to be added to those already Stationed between Schenec:-tady and Fort Stanwix; The Augmentation is great, and it is half as Much as was first thought Necessary for keeping up a Constant Supply of provisions; The next thing will be men wanting for those Batteaus, Which Lt. Coventry must try to get at any rate he can, for I can't Send more back than I have already done; I Suppose the Frights and Fears of the Country people will now be over, and that they may be Induced to work a little, to Se:-cure Peace and quiet to themselves and Familys. I will write to the Commanding Officer at Oswego, to Send double the Number of Batteaus, or as

many as will be Sufficient, to forward the Provisions to the Two Stations at the Falls and the West End of the Oneida Lake.—

I have ordered, that a Road shall be made from Herkheimers to Fort Stanwix, and continued to:=wards Oswego, but this is by no Means to be de:=pended on; We are to provide the Provisions for the Winter, so, that it cannot fail being at the Garrisons in time, and La Galette is to be Includ:=ed as a Winter Quarter; to be furnished from Oswego— I have no objection to the Horses being Sent back to Recruit if You think it Necessary, When they are no longer wanted, or When as many fresh horses are arrived, to Replace them, as are Required; You'll be so good to forward the Enclosed

I am &c

Jeff: Amherst

P.S: It Appears to me, that as you add thirty Batteaus to the Sixty which are now Stationed be:=tween Schenectady and Fort Stanwix, if the four:=teen Batteaus at the west End of Oneida Lake, are added to the Twenty six at Fort Stanwix and the East end of Oneida Lake, You give more than the proportion, without taking those at the Oswego Falls, Which Should be augmented

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to the Number of Fifteen, or Twenty one Batteaus Should be Sent from Oswego to the West end of Oneida Lake.

J A

Colonel Bradstreet

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl Amherst / To Colonel Bradstreet dated / Camp of Crown Point 10th Augt / 1759 / Orders for an Augmentation of Batteaus / on the Mohawk River, for the more Speedy & / Certain Supply of Provisions for the Army / to the Westward; As also to begin laying in / the necessary Quantities for the Winter. / in M: G: Amherst's of Octr 22d 1759 / No. 3.

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By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr.
Major Genral and Commander in chief of
all His Majesty's forces in North America &c^a, &c^a, &c^a.-

To The Present Commandant of Fort
Edward, and those that Shall hereafter
Succeed him as such.—

As the Defence and Preservation of the Im-
portant Post of Fort Edward is indispensably
necessary for the protection of all the Country
lying on the Hudson's River below this place,
it is a great Means of securing a quiet pos-
session to all the King's Subjects in every part
of His Majesty's Dominions bordering on that
river, between the Said fort and New York and
likewise Ensures a Route and Communication
for His Majesty's troops, so that they may ad-
vance to the aforesaid fort and push forward to
Lake George so as to hinder the Incursions of
the Enemy and Save the Whole Country from
being over run by any of their Sudden or Un-
expected Motions before an Army could be As-
sembled to put a Stop to their inroads and
Operations Which Might be Carried on by the
help of a Current and a Navigable river, with
great dispatch, and probably too Much Success.

I do therefore think it absolutely Necessary

for the good of His Majestys service that a Boundary be marked and Fixed of one Thousand Yards distance from the Saliant Angle of each Bastion and that a Line Shall be drawn Marking the Said Circle and that all the Ground comprehend: =ed to be within the Said Line is set apart for the Defence of the Said Important Garrison of Fort Edward, so that no person Whatsoever Shall, from the date hereof, raise any Buildings of any kind or make any fences or any Alterations of any part of the Ground within the above Limits unless it be by order or Consent of the Command: =ing Officer of the Fort; And This order is to be delivered to every Commanding Officer for the time to Come Who will take particular care to observe and Strictly obey the Same, and that no doubts may hereafter arise concerning the Same Limits, an Engineer is now ordered to Measure and Mark out the Same so that the present Com: =mander of the Fort will View the Whole of Which a Plan will be taken and he will Shew the Said Boundarys and Deliver the plan to the Officer Who Shall next Relieve him and So to be handed down from the one Commanding Officer to the Other for ever; Who are all hereby Required to pay Strict obedience to the above orders

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as I Judge them undoubtedly Requisite for the good of His Majesty's Service, the Defence of the Fort and the protection of His Majesty's Dominions—

Given under my hand and Seall at Head Quarters in Camp at Fort Edwaxd this 18th day of June 1759.—

Endorsed Copy / Instructions / To the Com=
=mandant of / Fort Edward for the time being/
Camp at Fort Edward June 18th 1759 / To have
a Boundary Marked & fixed of One / thousand
Yards distance from the Saliant Angle / of Each
Bastion, & that a Line be drawn marking / the
said Circle, & that the Ground within the / Same
be set apart for the defence of the Fort, & no /
Person whatsoever to build within those Limits /
without the Consent of said Commandant. /
in M. Gy: Amherst's of Octr: 22d: 1759 / No. 4.

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By His Excellency Jeffrey Amherst Esqr.
Major General and Commander in Chief of all
His Majestys Forces in North America &c &c &c

Instructions for Captain Quinton Kennedy
of His Majestys 17th Regiment of Foot.—

Upon Receipt hereof, You will, as I have before directed, Set out for and proceed to the Settlements of the Eastern Indians; And Upon Your Arrival among them, You will enquire for their Chiefs, Whom you are to Acquaint from me, that I am got thus far with my Army, on my way to Canada, with a design of reducering the Whole Country to His Majestys Obedience, but that out of the good will I bear those Indians I do, before I proceed so far as their settlements, Send You to them, to Offer them my Friendship upon condition that they do remain Neutral and do not Join with any of His Majestys Enemys in any act of Hos:=tilities against his Army or any one of His subjects, in Which case as I am not come with an Intention of dispossessing or Annoying them, I will protect and Defend their persons & properties and Secure unto them the peace=able and quiet possession thereof, and that

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without requiring any of their aid or Assistance, Which I have no manner of Occasion for, as the Army under my command is more than sufficiently strong, not only to Reduce the French but the Indians them:=selves, if they do not Accept of the Friendship I now offer them;- You must therefore Insist upon their immediate Answer and I make no doubt they will Consult their own Interest, and gladly and Sincerely Accept the friendly proposal I now make them thro' You; and with their Answer you will forthwith repair to Major General Woefe at Quebec and Inform him that it is my orders, that he do treat these Eastern Indians as our friends and Allies, and that he take care to See my Engagements with them punctually full:=filled & Complied with;- After which You will with:=out delay Return to me and Make a Report of Your Whole proceedings in the Negotiation I do hereby Entrust you with.

Given under my hand & Seal in Camp at Crown point this 8th day of August 1759

Endorsed Copy/ Instructions / For Capt Quinton Kennedy / of the 17th Regt / Camp at Crown

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By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major General and Commander in chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America &c.a, &c.a, &c.a.

To Anthony Wheelock Esqr. Late Captain in His Majesty's 27th or Innskilling Regt. of Foot

In Order, that Such of His Most Christian Majesty's Land Forces, as already are, or hereafter may be; Prisoners of War in the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and the Colony of Connecticut, may, agreable to the King's intentions, reap all the Advantages of the Treaty and Convention, for the Sick, wounded, and Prisoners of War, of the Land Forces of His Majesty the King of great Britain, and of His Most Christian Majesty, bearing date at Sluys in Flanders, the 6th of Febr.y. 1759; And that the Accounts thereby Directed to be kept on both Sides, may, on the Part of His Majesty be Stated with all the Accuracy & Exactness requisite to prevent any differences or difficulties in settling the Same with the Crown of France on or before an Exchange of the Said Prisoners shall take place agreable to the above mentioned Treaty: It is Necessary that a person Should be Vested with Powers and

money to Answer the good Intent & Meaning of said Treaty; and reposing especial trust & Confidence in Your Zeal, Diligence and Abilities; I do hereby Constitute & Appoint You the said Anthony Wheelock to Carry the Same into Execution, & for Your Guidance therein, You have herewith a Copy of the said Treaty, Which, together with these, are to be Your Instructions.—

You will Accordingly by the very first Opp:-portunity Set out for, and Repair to New York, Where upon Your Arrival, You will Apply to Lt. Govr. De Lancey for a List of the Names of all Such Prisoners, and Inform Yourself of him, of the respective Places to Which he has Sent them, and likewise learn if the Officers have given their Paroles, & Whether they are Lodged with him, that in Such case they may be delivered to You, in order to be produced at the first Exc:-change that Shall happen.—

When You are fully informed of these Mat:-ters, You will make out a List of the Names of the Whole of the Prisoners (Exclusive of Such of the Men as Shall have Liberty from the Lieut. Govr. to work for their own Livelyhood Whom You will keep a Separate List of: as they are not to be Subsisted) Specifying their Names, the Regiments,

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and Companies, they belong to, and their Ranks in the Same; the places Where Taken, the times When, and lastly the Names of the Places & Provinces Where they are Confined.—

With this List You will Repair to the Said Several Places, Where these Prisoners are confined and upon Your Arrival, of the Seat of Govern:=ment of any of His Majesty's Provinces or Colonies, You will Apply to the Governor, or if not to the Chief Magistrate, or Whoever else shall have Charge of Said Prisoners, and Signify to them Your present powers, that You may at all times have a free Access to the said Prison:=ers, Whose Names You will Accordingly call over, and See that they Correspond with Your above List: Observing that if among the Officers there are any that have not Given their Paroles in Writing, You make them Sign one, Acknow:=ledging themselves Prisoners of War and Incapable of Serving against His Majesty or his Allies, untill first Exchanged and promising not to go beyond the Limits Assigned them for their Confinement.—

The next Step You are to take is to See, that these Prisoners, agreable to the Treaty are kept in proper Wholesome Places.—

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And with regard to the Subsisting of them; as, from the Infancy of the Country, Which does not Afford the Same Conveniencies that any other Antient Settled Country does, they are oblidged to be dispersed, in Such small Numbers as will not allow of Engaging Contractors for furnishing them with Bread as Stipulated by the Treaty; And that the one penny and Twenty three for=tieth of a penny English, is not Sufficient to provide them with other requisite food; It will therefore be necessary that You represent the same to the Principal Officers among those Prisoners, and that You propose, if they will Aggree to it in Writing, to Advance Four pence Sterling per diem, for the Subsistence of each Prisoner.—

If this Proposal is Accepted and Agreed to as above, You will then Desire these principal Officers to Name a Kommissioned or non Kommis=sioned Officer, in each Place Where there are Prisoners, to Receive these four pences, to Make the distribution of them among the men, and to give You his Receipts for the Whole, Specifying that it is for so many days Subsistence of Such a Num=ber of Prisoners of War, at the rate of four pence Sterling pr diem each; Which Receipts will not only be Your Vouchers, but likewise those of the Brown

to Ascertain it's Claim of Reimbursement pursuant to the Treaty, Wherefore it will be Necessary that You take three Setts of each Receipts, all of the same Tenor & date, that in case of Accidents to any one or two of them, You may allways have Recourse to the third.—

Whatever other Moneys these Officers shall think requisite for their own Maintenance, and the providing of themselves, and the Men with any Necessaries they may have Occasion for, You will, from time to time, and upon their Application, furnish them with, observing to take like Setts of Receipts for the Same as above only specifying " <u>for Advance money agreable to the Treaty</u>.—

To Enable You to make these Advances and to pay the Subsistence as above, I herewith Give You a Warrant on the Dep: pay Mr. General at New York for One Thousand Pounds Sterling for the Expenditure of Which money or any others that may be Impressed into Your hands hereafter for the above Purposes, You are to be Accountable, and produce the before mentioned Vouchers, supported by proper & Regular Accounts for each Separate Regiment, Company, or Corps, to Which any of the above

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Prisoners belong, Specifying the Several Sums paid on Account of Subsistence to each, the time for Which such Subsistence is paid, and the Name & Rank of the Person Who has Received the same agre:=able to the Receipt in Your hands.—

The Account for the advance money is to be Separate, and under that head alone, setting forth the respective Sums so paid, the Names of the Officers that have received it, and the dates of their Receipts; All Which Accounts and Receipts You will carefully keep untill called upon for by me, the Commander in Chief for the time being or any other Person properly Authorized so to do.—

As it would not be prudent to make any of these Advances, in any Large sums, and that it will likewise be necessary that You Should, from time to time, Visit these Prisoners in the respective Places of their Confinements, to see that proper care is taken of them, You will Chuse the most Centrical place for Your Residence, Acquainting the Officers with it, that You may be Equally at hand for them all, to Afford them such Assistance as they may stand in need of; And if at any time in the Execution of Your Office, You should have Occasion for the aid & Interposition of the Legislature of the Province or Colony in Which these

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Prisoners are Confined, You will Apply for it in my name, shewing these Your Instructions as Your authority for so doing.—

Lieut: Govr: De Lancey having Acquainted me, by Letter, that he had already Advanced Fifty Dollars apiece to Sundry of the Officers to Enable them to subsist for the time being; You will, immediately after Your Arrival at New York out of the moneys now Impressed into Your hands, Reimburse the said Lieut: Govr: Whatever sum or sums of money he may have so advanc: -ed as aforesaid, desiring him, at the same time, to Deliver You up the Receipts he shall have taken for the Same from the said Officers; Which Receipts not being in Your Name, nor perhaps in the form herein prescribed, You will Exchange with the said Officers, for others agreable to Your In: -structions.—

And for the greater Uniformity & Ex: -actness of the Accounts prescribed to be kept by the Treaty; as well as for a Saving to the Pub: -lick, no other person Whatsoever is to have any Concerns with them but Yourself, Who are to be Solely Answerable for all moneys Im: -pressed or to be Impressed into Your hands for the above purposes, and holden to produce the

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Proper Vouchers for the Expenditure of the Same, conformable to the Directions herein before Given You.—

Given under my hand & Seal at Head Quarters in Camp at Crown Point this 7th. day of Sept.r 1759

Endorsed Copy General Amherst's / Instructions for Captain / Wheelock, as Commissary, for / Paying the Subsistence money / &ca to the French Prisoners of / War. Dated Camp at / Crown Point, 7th Sep.r 1759 / in Th: Fy: Amherst's of Oct.r 22d 1759 / No 8.

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Form of a Parole to be taken of the French Officers; Deliver'd to Capt. Wheelock, with his Instructions, at Crown Point, 7th. September 1759.

"Je Soussigné ..... Capitaine au Regiment de ..... fait Prisonnier de Guerre à..... par les Troupes de Sa Majesté Le Roy de la Grande Bretagne, donne ma Parole d' honneur que je ne Servirai ni contre Sa dite Majesté, ni contre aucun de Ses Allié, qu'au préable je Soie dûement Echangé en vertu du Cartel de l'Ecluze en Flandres du 6e. fevrier 1759- Et en outre qu'avant que je soie ainsi Echangé et pendant tout le tems de ma détention, je ne m'absenterai, ni ne passerai en aucune façon les bornes qui m'ont étés, ou me seront prescrites, pour ma residence, soit par Le Gouverneur des Lieux, ou M. Le Commissaire Wheelock, a moins que ce ne soit avec leur permission par Ecrit."

En foy de quoi J'ai Signé la presente à..... ce ..... 1759.

Endorsed Form of a Parole to be/ taken of the French Officers.- / Deliver'd to Capt. Wheelock, with/ his Instructions, 7th Septr. 1759./ in M.G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759./ No. 9.

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Camp of Crown Point 7th Augst 1759.

Dear Wolfe

I wrote to You A short Letter on my taking Possession of Tienderoga, Which may perhaps be a great While getting to You; Till now I could not get any strait Conveyance and the Route, tho' not Sure at present may be Attempted, and I hope this will be delivered to You safe p Bearer, an Ensign in the Rangers. I Arrived here the 4th at Night and a very Welcome Messenger Overtook me in the Night with the News that Niagara Surrendred to His Majesty's Arms the 25th of last month, the Garrison Consisting of 607 Men Prisoners of War, On the 24th a Detachment of 1200 of the Enemy Commanded by Messrs. Aubry & Deligney, Collected from Detroit, Venango, Presqu' Isle and every Place they had, made an Attempt to raise the Siege; The Indians gave intelligence of this; Every thing was prepared, & at Nine the Firing began, and they were so well received by the Troops that were Posted, and the Indians in their Flank that in an hour the Whole was compleatly Routed, all their Officers made Prisoners, amongst Whom are Messrs. Aubry, Deligney, Marin, Repentigni & 13 more,

great Numbers killed, and a Compleat Victory, Not a Prisoner hurt by our men; Had the French had the Victory, I suppose not one had Escaped of ours, for I hear a Boat had fallen in the way of the Enemy that Morning Wherein were Ten of the Light Infantry, Whose Heads were Butt off by the above Prisoners and their army, & their Bodys mangled According to French Custom; One would have thought it would have been difficult after this to have Stopt the men from following the Example, but I am Assured they did not hurt a Man, that was Prisoner, and their behavior on that day and during the Siege, was with the Utmost Chearfulness and Bravery; Sr William Johnson Commends them much, and Laments the loss of poor Brigr General Prideaux, Who was Shot Accidentally by one of our own Gunners on the 20th When the Trenches were within 140 Yards of the place — I have almost repaired Tienderoga and made it better than it was; The Enemy thought to have Destroyed it entirely, but they failed in their Attempt, and they were very good in not forcing me to Demolish it, Which I should have done in a few Hours, from the Time they made their Escapes & tried to blow it up; — The loss of Poor Colo Townshend Mar'd the Enjoyment I

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Should otherwise have had in the Reduction of the Place; one Ensign & Sixteen men killed & Fifty seven wounded, are all the Losses this army has Sustained.— The Garrison of Niagara is Marching to New York.— Brig.r General Stanwix has by this a champ Libre, he may do What he will.— My Brother Who is gone to England w.t the News I had fixed Poor Townshend Should go with, has taken away my Cypher for Col.o Williamson, Which is a loss to me, as I purposed to write to You by that. I want to hear from You.— You may depend upon my doing all I can for effectually Reducing Canada; Now is the time.

I am, with great Truth and Regard

Dear Sir,

&c.a

Jeff: Amherst

Major General Wolfe

Endorsed Copy Letter from M: Gen.l / Amherst To M: G.l Wolfe / Dated Camp at Crown Point 7.th Aug.t / 1759 / By Ensign Hutchins of the Rangers, by / Lenne: =beck River, Informing him of the Surrender of Niagara, and the present / Situation of Affairs here. / in M.G. Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.o 18.

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Camp of Brown Point August 29th 1759.

Dear Wolfe

As I am sending away an Officer to Louis=burg this may perhaps meet with a Conveyance from thence. I hope Captain Kennedy will have Arrived safe to You; Since his departure nothing Material has happened here except a Letter from Monsieur de Montcalm a Copy of Which with my Answer I Send You Enclosed, and I think my=self much oblidged to him as 'tis the Only Intel=ligence I have Received of you, except a Let=ter just now from Brigr. General Whitmore by a Letter he got from Your Army the 11th of July-

My Last news of Brigr. General Gage is from Fort Stanwix, but Letters to Officers here mention his being at Oswego. Brigr. Genl. Stanwix getting forward as fast as Provisions will let him he Detached the 30th July 300 men under the command of Major Sullikens from Bedford to Pittsburgh to proceed to Venango and so on to relieve the Garrison of Niagara, there is no=thing now to hinder the Detachments intended for that Garrison to proceed; I have taken care they Shall have a sufficiency of provisions there.- Poor Captn. Jocelyne was killed on the same day at

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the Laurel Hill by Some Indians Who Attacked a Convoy and were soon Routed by Capt. Jocelyne Who was unfortunately Shot through the body at the latter end; two Indians found dead Eight more Supposed to be dead or Wounded, We lost three men and Six Horses, this is in all likeli:=hood the last party that will Interrupt that com:=munication —

I have a Brigantine and Some Boats pre:=paring in all haste pour chasser quatres Vais=seaux Francois that have Posted themselves on the Lake and are commanded by a Monsieur de le bras ten guns each. —

As You will be thoroughly Informed of My Intentions by Capt. Kennedy I have Nothing more at present to add, I hope in a few days to See him back again and to hear that you are well and that You have all the Success You Deserve,

I am with the greatest truth and regard

Dear Wolfe &c.a

Jeff: Amherst

General Wolfe

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Endorsed Copy Letter from M: Genl. Amherst / To M. General Wolfe Dated / Camp at Crown Point 29th Augt. / 1759 / By an Officer going to Louis: -bourg; further / Intelligence of his Situation, with the Copy / of Mor. Montcalm's Letter of 30th July / in M: G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 19.

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Camp of Crown Point, 9th August 1759.

Dear Sir,

The Garrison of Niagara Consisting of Six hundred & Seven Men, and about One hundred and Seventy Prisoners, the Whole being Prisoners of War, and at present on their March to New York, according to the Capitulation, I imagine it would be much for the good of His Majestys Service, if the above Prisoners could be Sent to England.

If the Service You are on should per: =mit You to Send Transports sufficient, with a Convoy, to take the Prisoners from New York, I am Confident the Lt. Governor and Inhabit: =ants will be much Obliged to You - I most sincerely Wish You success in all Your Under: =takings, and am, with great Truth and Regard,

Dear Sir,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Admiral Saunders.

Endorsed Copy - Letter from Genl: Amherst / to Admiral Saunders. / Dated Camp of Crown

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Point 7th Augst 1759. / Acquainting him with the Number of / Prisoners taken at Niagara, their being / Sent to New York, and that he imagined, it would be for the good of His Majesty's / Service, they should be Sent to England; / Wherefore if the Service would permit, he / should be glad the Admiral would Send / Transports and a Convoy to Conduct them / thither from New York.- / in Mr. G. Amherst's of Octr 22d 1759 / No. 20.

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Camp at Crown Point, 6th Augst 1759.

Dear Sir,

This no doubt will find You at Oswego, Informed of the State of Every thing there, as well as within the Communication, and at Niagara, which latter we must begin to think of Victual: =ling for the Winter; Wherefore You will please to make a Calculation of what Provisions are in Store at those places, and what Quantity will be requisite to Answer the present Consumption of the Army under Your Command, and that of the different Garrisons, during the Winter, and agreable thereto, Write in the most pressing terms to Mr. Tilby to make ample Provision for the Same, and to lose no time in forwarding it up, as I on the other hand shall direct him to follow and Observe what Orders You shall send him on that head, which I Guess should come thro' You, as by Your being on the Spot, You must be the best Judge of what Quantity will be wanted for the above purposes, and that besides it will be a great Saving in point of time, to Send Your Demands directly to him, rather than round by this way.

The next thing I have to recommend to

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Your Consideration, is the opening of a free & un:
=interrupted Communication by Land, from Herkheimer
to Fort Stanwix, and on the South Side of the
Lake from Fort Stanwix to Oswego, by causing
a streight Wide Road to be Cutt through the Woods,
which will render the Transportation of Provisions,
Stores, & other Requisites for the use of the Army
and Garrisons, more certain and Secure; You will
therefore, immediately upon the Receipt hereof, Order
Major Browning, or the Officer Commanding at Fort
Stanwix, at a reasonable time, to Employ his Garrison
in that most Essential Service, and without delay,
Set them about it, beginning at the Fort, and Con:
=tinuing it on to Herkheimers, untill it is compleat:
=ly finished; And if upon Your departure from
Oswego, You find that the Number of hands
You leave behind, are sufficient to Carry on the
Works of the Fort building there, (which must meet
no Interruption, as I Expect it absolutely to be
finished by Winter) and at the same time to be:
=gin upon the Road from thence to Fort Stanwix,
on the South Side of the Lake, You will give
Orders for its being done.—

As the Indians may, if they will, be of
great Use to, and Ensure Your Success in the
Operations I have pointed out to You, I have desired

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Sr William Johnson to Use all this Influence to prevail on them to Return in order to Join, and Act in Conjunction with You and the Troops under Your Command, and I am hopefull his Application to them for that purpose, will prove Successfull; Enclosed You have a Copy of my Letter, as also of One I Write to Engineer Bowers in relation to the Fort.—

The Accounts I have received of the very good Behavior of Capt. Rutherfurd at the head of the Grenadiers, and Capt. Mc Lancey at that of the Light Infantry, on the day preceding the Surrender of Niagara, I have in Consideration there: of, Granted them the like Commissions that I have given to Major Campbell and Major Holmes, and I herewith transmit them to You to deliver them as a Token of my Approbation for their past good Behavior; You will likewise please to Assure the Officers and Soldiers of the Army under Your Command, of the great Satisfaction I have on the Report which has been made to me of their good and Gallant Behavior, which cannot fail to Ensure Success to His Majesty's Arms.

I am, with great Truth and Regard,

Dear Sir, Yr &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

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P.S. Provisions for the Garrison to be left at Lac Galette must likewise be provided for in due time. Honble Brig^r. General Gage.

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Camp of Brown Point 14th Augst 1759.

Dear Sir,

As Major Christie arrived here last night and that His Majesty has been pleased to Grant him a Commission of Dep: Quarter Master Genl, I think I cannot Appoint him to any depart: =ment Where he will be of more use to His Majesty's Service, than by Sending him to serve under Your command, So that You will please either to Send Captain Mc Lean to Join his Company, if You think You don't further want him, or Continue him as Assistant Quar: =ter Master General (in Which Sphere I Im: =agine You will Get find Employ for him) as You shall Judge best. —

Major Christie will inform You of all the News he has brought from England by Which You will hear much more than my Letters from thence have furnished me with. —

I am at present building a very re: =spectable Fortress here Which I intend to finish before the Campaign is over, & at the Same time I am Erecting this Post, at Which all the Troops I have with me are at work, I have five Battns at the Landing place,

Saw Mills at Tienderoga, Where I am making and Repairing every thing wanting to Enable me to pass the Lake to St. John's and for putting the Fort of Tienderoga in as good if not better State of defence than When we arrived there.—

As I have sent Capt. Kennedy & Lieut. Hamilton by land to try to join Major General Wolfe, and that I have likewise sent a Ranging Officer by the Kennebeck River, for the said pur:=pose, I Doubt not I shall by one Avenue or the other, succeed in Acquainting Mr. Wolfe of the operations on this side, & that I may soon get information of his progress, from Which my Mo:=tions here must be guided, and I hope the Brigantine I had ordered to be built will be ready in time, that I may proceed to St. Johns so soon as I find a proper Occasion and I shall leave as great a Number of men for Carrying on the Works here While I am ad:=vanced as my force will permit me.—

Sir William Johnson has Sent me a Re:=turn of the Artillery taken at Niagara and of Ammunition &ca wanting to Compleat that Gar:=rison; This I Received last Night, and I have ordered Major Ord to make out a proportion accord:=ingly that it may be sent from Albany & New

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York; Somethings are Demanded Which We have not in America; These proportions shall be sent so soon as possible, though, I flatter myself there will be but little Occasion for them as Brigr. Genl. Stanwix will of Course take up many Stores with him that will Answer the Demands.—

I am glad to find Sir William Johnson can make Immediate use of the Vessels that were building at Niagara; they will help You greatly and I hope will take You safe to La Galette, Which is now indeed the Post of the Utmost Consequence, by that We shall be entire Masters of Lake Ontario and His Majestys Subjects on the Mohawk River will be thereby as effectually free'd from all Invroads & Scalping Parties of the Enemy as I may say the Whole Country from this to New York is by the Reduction of Tienderoga and this Important Post Which I'll take all the care I can Shall not fall again into the Enemy's hands.—

In the present situation that the Enemy is in, it is impossible they can hinder You from taking Post at La Galette, and I must repeat to You my most Earnest Desires for Your taking possession of that Post, and Erecting Such a Fort as Shall be tenable during

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the Winter in the most advantageous Ground You can find; I Doubt not but We shall soon after find a practicable Road from thence to Fort Stanwix.

For all particulars going on here I must re:=fer You to Major Christie, Who has just had time to See them - I most heartily wish You success in all Your Undertakings, and am, with great Truth and regard, -

Dear Sir,

Yca

Jeff: Amherst

Brigr. Genl. Gage.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Mr: Genl. / Amherst to Brigr. Genl. Gage / Dated Camp of Crown Point 14th Augt. / 1759 / Acquainting him that Major Christie being / Arrived with His Majesty's Com:=mission of / Dep: Quarter Mr. General, he Sent him to Serve as / Such in his Department; giving him, at the same / time, an Account of what is passing here, and / recommending to him, in the strongest manner / to pursue his Ulterior Operations, which were / of the Utmost Consequence, as nothing could /

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H.C.O.S.

Camp of Crown Point August 21st 1759

Dear Sir

I had, two days since, the pleasure of receiving your Letter of the 10th Instant from Fort Stanwix, from Which place, I hope you had a good passage to Oswego, and that the drafts are safely arrived there.

I am very glad to find, by a Letter I have just now received from Colo Bradstreet from Albany, that he is not in the least doubt, from looking into the State of provisions, but that there will be, very soon, abundance at Fort Stanwix, and, that the Complaint you have met with on the Road, will, I hope, be remedy'd thereby; the Complaint, indeed, is greater than the disease, for by the return of Proivsions sent me from Oswego, Which was on the same day Major Browning Reported to you, there was then flour for Nine Weeks, and Pork, Butter, Pease and Rice, for four weeks and four days; and with this good Account from Colo: Bradstreet, the addition that has been made to the Batteau Men, and the very proper Orders you have given on the communication, I think, 'tis pretty certain proivsions will not fail. —

Colo. Bradstreet has sent me a Letter from

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Capt McLeane to Lt. Coventry, with a vast demand of Indian Corn for the Oxen at Oswego, Which they cannot possibly eat, and which would take up as many Batteaus to Carry, as the Supply of the Whole winter provisions for all the Garrisons in the Upper Country; You will See by my Letter to Col: Bradstreet, I order him to furnish What is necessary for the Oxen, to carry on the work.-

I See by Capt McLeane's letter, that he Complains of a Scarcity of Rum, and that the men have Immense hard labour; I hope that Immense hard labour is not the work at the fort, for it will take up a great quantity of Rum indeed to Supply that.- Since I am here, I have every Man in Camp, exclusive of Guards, at Work, and not a drop of Rum given, except to the Carpenters, Who have it by their Contract, and the others have no Occasion for it; When cold weather Sets in, or that the Men were employed in Water, or very wet work of any kind is about, then a Dram is Necessary, And we must allow it, but not on other works or at other times.-

I have signed an order to the Commandant of the Forts of Niagara & Oswego, Which I Judge necessary, not only for the defence of the Places, but to put a stop to any further demands of Rent

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for Ground; I shall do the Same by all the Forts, and I beg You will be so good to De=liver the Enclosed, to the Commanding Officers left in each of the above places.—

I have had a party of Rangers, returned from St. Johns, that is, they Judged they were within two miles; the Yell of Indians Frightned them, and they came back; they parted with Capt. Kennedy, Who was very far advanced in his way, and I don't doubt will Arrive Safe with Mr. Wolfe

I Hope Brigr. General Stanwix will have Relieved the Garrison of Niagara, and that Lt. Col: Farquhar will have joined you, before this can reach you— I have no news of Mr. Wolfe, every thing is going on well here. I most heartily wish you health and Success—

I am Dear

Jeff Amherst

P.S: I ordered Col: Bradstreet to Albany to fix every thing for the Mohawk River that no failure may happen Enclosed are Returns of Stores ordered from Albany to New York for Niagara

J: A:

A Company of Newhampshire Troops of 97 men passed Albany to join the Regt. at Oswego—

Honble. Brigr. Genl. Gage.

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Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Brigr. Genl. Gage dated / Camp at Crown Point / 21st Augt. 1759 / That by the Accounts received from Colonel / Bradstreet at Albany. it's pretty certain / Provisions will not fail.- Enclosing the / Instructions to the Commandants of Oswego / and Niagara for fixing a Boundary round / the Same for their better defence; And Advising / him of a Company of 97 Men of the New/hampshire Regt having passed Albany / to Join their Regt at Oswego.- / in M. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 25.

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Extract.

Camp at Crown Point Septemr 2d 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Am to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 24th of August from Oswego, with a Copy of the Provisions You have demanded, in all which You will have been already inform'd from me, as well as Colo. Bradstreet, there is no doubt of Your being fully Supplied.

As You say You want Felling Axes, I send an Order to Albany for buying if possible, Two Hundred, and forwarding them to You, but I must at the same time Observe, One Thousand Felling Axes were sent to Oswego, which is a larger pro:=portion than I brought here, where I have Tien:=deroga to repair, and a Fortress to build that I begin when Oswego ought to be half finished - Tools are wanted at all places, but We must do the best with what we have.

I Send You an Extract of a Letter I have received from Brigr General Stanwix, with my Answer thereto; I am afraid the Garrison of Niagara will not join You so soon as I Wished, but I think You have Numbers full Sufficient for Your Opera:=tions, that You need not be retarded in the de:=lays of the Relief of that Garrison.- .

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I Have Spoke to Major Ord about the Artillery Stores; he declares the whole was equally good with what he reserved for the Use of the Artillery this way; that he has been obliged to make Fizees, he has no Artillery Carpenter to do it, he gets one out of the Provincials, and the Wood is easy to be got every where.

You have done very right in Sending to Niagara for the Guns You wanted; they don't want so much Artillery there as they have.

I Have made Application to the Lt. Governor of New York for some Guns for Oswego, and I hope to Send at least half of them hereafter to La Galette; You will See every thing relating to those Guns by the enclosed Papers, with a Copy of my Letter to the Lieut. Governor, and of the Order for their being sent from Albany."

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Brigr. Genl. Gage.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Mr. Gen: Amherst/ to Brigr: General Gage.—/ Dated Camp at Crown Point 2d Sepr: 1759./ Enclosing an Extract of a

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Letter from Brigr. / Stanwix, with the General's Answer thereto, / in relation to the Relief of the Garrison of / Niagara, which seemed to meet with some / difficulties from the Southward; Observing / at the same time, that supposing it should not / be relieved, the Brigr had Numbers full sufficient (sic) for his Operations. / in Mr. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759. / No. 26

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Camp of Crown Point 11th Septemr. 1759.

Dear Sir,

I am to thank You for the favor of Your Letter dated at Oswego the 30th of August Which I received here on the 9th Instant; Major Christie had wrote me word that You had ordered him back to Fort Stanwix, When as he will be at a greater distance from Colo. Bradstreet, I think he will be of more use to Your Army, in Seeing the provisions forwarded, than if he staid at Schenectady, and will be more within reach for any Service You may want him, either with the Army under Your command or on any part of the Communication.—

I take it for granted Brigr. Genl. Stanwix will immediately on the known evasion of the Enemys. Troops from the Posts between Pittsburg & Lake Erie Execute his plan for the Relief of the Garrison at Niagara, as I had Desired him to be prepared for it before I had made known my Intentions to any one of besieging the place, What has passed Since on that head You will have been Informed of by the Copies of the Letters I have sent to You, and I cant but say that I think the relief of that Garrison

is not only of great consequence at present, if they can be back to Act in time, but that We may want them for the Garrisons during the Winter and as part of the Troops under Brigr. Genl. Stanwix's Command cannot be better Employed than in Garrisoning that Post, I would not on any Account that the Relief Should not take place.—

I am Sorry for the loss of the Sutler & Two Boatmen near the Falls, the Incursions of such Small parties cannot be stoped but by the Post Which I hope You will Effectually Secure at La Galette, that will Ensure the hairy Scalps on the heads of the Inhabitants of the Mohawk River—

I am Carrying on my Works here apace Monsr. Bourlamaq with the Garrison of Tienderoga the little that was here, & some Canadians Who were at Work on that Island, is strengthening him: -self by Retrenchments & Batterys on the Island as Much as he can; he Shant Stir from thence, if I can help it, unless I force him away, and if I do he Cannot March away to put any Stop to Your Operations— I had a Flag of truce Yesterday from him with Letters from Monsr. de Montcalm of no Date but by a Letter from Monsr. Bouquainville to Abercromby I find the Enemy was Get in pos: -session of Quebec the 30th past, and as the Flag of

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truce a Captain of La Reine, knew or would know of nothing that had happened at Quebec since the 17th of August, on Which day Major Genl. Wolfe made an Attack that rather failed than Succeeded, and two Batts were Burnt Which had been hawled into Shore to cover the Landing of Some Troops, that is burnt by us, Which the Enemy was ready enough to speak of; I Conclude What: =ever has passed Since the 17th. to the 30th. has been in favor of Mr. Wolfe and the Enemy is there: =fore Silent. —

As I have wrote to Brigr. Genl. Stanwix about sending an Engineer to Niagara, You will please to Give Your orders to Lt. Colo. Farquhar that in case that Engineer arrives there, Mr. Winter may (When he has given him all the Intelli= =gence and Information concerning the Works & intended Repairs that he Judges necessary that that the Engineer should be Acquainted with that nothing may be Neglected that can tend to the Security of the Place) Join the Army under Your command, Where I Dont doubt You will have Employ for him. —

Capt. Kennedy Lieut: Hamilton &ca have been taken by some St. Francis Indians Who were a hunting, Monr. Montcalm writes one word

they are Prisoners; Lieut: Fletcher on a scout at St. Johns is taken likewise by a Number of Indians, and is Prisoner at Montreal; they seem to treat our Prisoners very Civilly; 'tis a very good proof of their situation. I am Sorry Kennedy was taken, it was of some Consequence he should not, but others I hope will Escape, Which will near Answer the Same end; It is impossible to pass the Enemy's Posts with many partys, Some must be taken. —

I am glad to find by Sir Wm. Johnson's Letter of the 30th past that he had then 200 Indians, and expected Several more; they can but be of very great Use to You, and it gives me great pleasure to hear of any thing that can tend to=wards the Success of the operations Where You Command, in Which I most Sincerely wish You all prosperity, & am, with great truth & regard,

Dear Sir

Your most Humble

& most oblet. servant

Jeffy. Amherst

Honble Brig^r Genl. Gage

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Brig^r General Gage Dated / Camp at Crown Point 11th Sept^r /

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1759/ State of Affairs at Broon Point; and/hoping that the Relief of the Garrison of/ Niagara from the Southward will take/ place, as it is not only of great Consequence/ at present, if they can be back to Act in/ time, but that they may be wanted for the/ Garrisons during the Winter;-And hopes/ that he will effectually Secure the Post at/ La Galette.-/ in M: G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759/ No. 27.

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Copy.

Camp of Crown Point, Sept.r 21st 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Can't but say that it is with some Concern that I have received Your Letter of the 11th Instant, wherein I find You have determined not to take post at La Galette, it is now indeed too late in the Season, or will be before this can reach You, to make any Alterations, and I must give over the thoughts of that very Advantagious Post La Galette; that might have been taken without a possibility of the Enemys Obstructing it; the Situation of their Army being such that they have been in an Absolute Inability of Sending any Succours that way.

I Am in hopes that so soon as You took Your resolution not to proceed to La Galette, You will have immediately detached as many Men to Fort Stanwix as are necessary for compleatly finishing the Works there, and that You will have thought of cutting a Road on the South Side of Lake Oneyda, from Oswego to Fort Stanwix, as well as continuing the Road from Fort Herkheimers to Fort Stanwix; When that Communication is once made, which will be Covered by the Mohawk River, the Lake, and all the Posts, nothing can hinder a Supply of Provisions being sent at any time in

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the Winter, if it should be Wanted, (which I dont intend shall be the Case this Winter) or of Re: =inforcements marching to the relief of any of the Posts.-

I Think it is impossible (though the Engineers may be as much behind hand as they can be at this time in building the Fort at Oswego, and may now Employ as many people as will hin: =der One Another from Working) but that You must have them to Spare to Compleat Fort Stan: =wix, and make the Road.-

As the time of Service for some of the Pro: =vincial Troops does not Extend beyond the first of November, I have Applied to their respective Govern: =ors, to Continue the Troops for the Month of Novem: =ber, in case the Service should require it, and I don't doubt but my request will be agreed to both for the New York & Newhampshire Troops.

I Have directed Colonel Bradstreet to make a Beginning by Sending up Bedding for Six hun: =dred Men to Oswego, and as it must be late when I hear, at this distance, about the relief of the Garrison of Niagara, where I presume they will have found a quantity of Bedding, You will please to Send a Return to Colonel Bradstreet of what may be wanted at Niagara, and as You are on the Spot, I desire You will immediately make a

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Calculation of what Numbers will be necessary for the Fort of Oswego, and the Posts to Fort Stanwix, which must be so Garrison'd as to put it out of the power of the Enemy to Attack them with any Success.--

As You Suppose some Letters may have been lost, I Send You Duplicates enclosed of what I have Wrote since the 21st of August to the date of Your Letter of which I have now Ac:=knowledged the Receipt, and since my last Let:=ter to You of the 11th of September I have receiv:=ed Advice the Eight Six pounders to Compleat the Eighteen Guns for the Snow are forwarded from Albany.--

There can be no sort of reason at present for taking any of the Guns from Niagara that are really necessary for the defence of the Place-- The Artillery that Brigr General Prideaux took with him, with what was at Fort Stanwix, some time since, besides the twelve Eighteen Pounders and Eight Twelve Pounders from New York, will amply furnish Artillery for the Garrisons of Fort Stanwix and Oswego.--

I have Ordered the Regular Regiments here to Supply their Men with flannell Waistcoats Leg:=gens, & flannell or Warm Socks; the Mens Money

cannot be better laid out for them, and I think You will do right if You please to Order the Regiments under Your Command to do the Same..

I am, with great Truth,

&c.,

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Brig^r General Gage.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from M. Genl Amherst / to Brig^r General Gage. - / Dated Camp of Crown Point 21st Sepr 1759. / Expressing his Concern to find by the / Brig^rs of the 11th Sepr that he had / determined not to take post at La Galette / and Orders in Consequence thereof. - / in M. G. Amherst's of Octr 22^d 1759. / N° 28.

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Camp at Crown Point, October 2d 1759.

Dear Sir,

I am to Acknowledge the favor of Your Letter of the 18th September; I am not under any Apprehensions but that You will be Supplied in time with Provisions for the Garrisons, my first care has been, and shall be, that every neces: =sary should be first sent to the Army up the Mohawk River, and I, at the same time, do not intend that any thing shall be wanting this way.- I am in hopes You will have Sent the Indians to their homes, when You determined not to go to La Galette, as they can be of no further Use to You, and the Expence to the Government of furnishing them with Provisions is great.- As Abercromby's Regiment has been two Winters Quartered in what they call the best Quarters, that Regiment must now take the Advanced Posts.- The 4th Battn. of R. Americans was the Winter before last at New York, and must now take the Garrisons next to Abercromby's.- Murray's has been two Years advanced up the Mohawk, and must now come further down the Country; and the Royal Highlanders I shall con: =trive to join, as near as I can, to their first Battalion.

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When I hear the Numbers You Judge necessary for the Garrisons, and whether or not Niagara is re:=lieved, I can then finally determine the Quarters_ As You have now seen all the different Posts, I should be glad_You will let me know, how many You Judge they can well and conveniently Con:=tain from Fort Stanwix to Schenectady inclusively, as well as from Oswego to Fort Stanwix, which I have already desired You to Acquaint me with. I Send You enclosed a Copy of my Letter to Sir William Johnson in Answer to his which I received with Yours. I have Acquainted Colonel Bradstreet, by Letter, with what You mention in regard to Provisions.—

I am, with great Truth,
Dear Sir,
&c.ª,

Jeff: Amherst

Hon.ble Brig.r General Gage.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from M. General / Amherst to Brig.r General Gage. / Dated Camp at Crown Point 2.d Oct.r 1759. / That he need not be under

any / Apprehensions of not being timely / supplied with provisions for the / Garrisons; that he had order:=ed the / Army to the Westward to be first supplied. / - That he hoped he had sent home the / Indians, since they could now be of / no Use, and that the Expence of / Provisions for them was very great / to the Government; - And desiring / to know what Garrisons Each Post / within his Department was able to / Contain. - / in M:G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.o 29.

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Fort Loudoun 23d July 1759.

Dear Sir,

From Carlisle I gave You the trouble of a long Letter, but having this day received some fresh Intelligence from our Spies at Venango, send it You enclosed, more so upon the Account of the probability of its being true, but hope General Prideaux will have Struck his Stroke before any part of these can get there to Obstruct him, and but few of these Over Lake Indians will chuse to War with the Six Nations under Sir William Johnson — Colonel Byrd Arrived with 500 of his Battalion the 20th at Bedford, and between 3 & 400, on the Communication; this is all I am to Expect from this Battalion, tho' Govr Fauquier promises to get the remainder, if possible.

Our Communication much Infested with small Parties of Indians, but the Main body of 300, & about Fifty French are gone back to Ven: =ango (as by Intelligence from our Spies) after their unsuccessfull Attempt on Fort Ligonier, where Capt: Jones, a Provincial Capt. was Killed in an Advanced Redoubt, and three Men Wounded.

Every means We can Use to get up Provisions to Pittsburgh shall be tryd, and hope I shall be able

to Effect it in time, notwithstanding the innumerable dif:
=ficulties We have to Struggle with.

Colo. Mercer & Mr. Croghan have had a Con:
=ference with the Chiefs of many Nations of Indians,
and Confirmed as far as in them lay, the Treaty
of Euston to general Satisfaction, and hope those that
will not Assist us are retired home, 'tis said for
two Months.

I Beg You will believe that I am, with
the greatest truth (and Wishing You every Success)
Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant.
John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy- Letter from Brigr. Genl./ Stanwix to
General Amherst./ Datd Fort Loudoun 23d July
1759./ Enclosing Intelligence of a Body of French
and/ Indians being prepared to go and Attack/
Pittsburgh, but that upon a Letter received the/ Eve
of their Departure acquainting them of/ our March
towards Niagara, they alter'd their/ Route, and

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proceeded to the relief of said Fort:/- That every Means shall be tryd to get up / Provisions to Pittsburgh, notwithstanding the / innumerable difficul:=ties he has to Struggle / with;- That the Com:=munication is much / Infested by small parties of Indians;- And / that there has been a Conference with the / Chiefs of many Nations of Indians to Confirm / the Treaty of Euston to mutual Satisfaction / in M:G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.o 30.

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Pittsburg July 15th 1759.

Sir,

Yesterday Evening arrived here two Six Na:
=tion Indians from Venango, that I had Em:
=ployed as Spies, and giv the following Intelligence;
They arrived at Venango the Eighth where they
See about Seven hundred French, and four
hundred Indians; the french Commandant asked
these Spies, where they came from; they told him from
Scisto where they lived, upon which the Commandant
told them they came from the English Fort, and
ask'd them where they hid the four English men
they brought with them; they denied they had brought
any, he persisting in it that they had, the Indians
bid him go and hunt them, upon which he Sent
out a large party of French and Indians, who
did not return till late in the Afternoon without
Success, for there was no Englishmen with them.

The 9th the Commandant sent for these
two Indians, told them he was going to destroy the
English in a few days, and said he expected
they would go with him, and then told them,
"this day will come here Two hundred Indians;
tomorrow Two hundred more, and next day Two
Hundred more; then We shall Set off." These Spies

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told him they would Consider of it, and when the Indians came they would give him an Answer; they say that about Two hundred Indians came that day. about as many more the next, and about 150 the 11th.- the Commandant then told the Indians he would Speak his Mind to them the next day.- The Spies say, that as fast as the Indians came the Officers were Employed in fitting them out for the Expedition, That the French had a prodigious Quantity of Goods, and that they gave them away very liberally; All the Indians were bloathed by the 11th at night, and about 10 o'block on the morning of the 12th the Grand Council was Opened, when the Commandant thanked all his Children the Indians, for joining him, and desired them to prepare themselves, as he intended to Set off against the English Fort the next day, and then threw down the War Belt; there was two Six Na:=tion Indians in this Council, who had arrived there the day before, One of which got up and made a Speech to all the Indians, telling them their Father was rather in too great a hurry, and de:=sired them to Consider some time on what they were going to do, and delivered the Indians a large Bunch of String Wampum, which threw them into some Confusion, and before they got out of it,

two Indians arrived with a Packet of Letters, and delivered it to the Commandant, who immediately Opened it, and after reading talked a great deal to his Officers, then Spoke to the Indians, and Said, Children I have bad News to tell You. There is a great Army of the English coming against Niagara with Sir Wm. Johnson, who has with him all the Six Nations, with a great Number of Other Indians who live that way.. I have received Orders to go directly to Niagara, and take You with me; We must give over the thoughts of going down this River, till We have drove the English away from Niagara; You know the Consequence that Place is of both to You and Us, if the English take it You must be poor, as it is Stopping the Road to Your Country, Children be Strong and Support Your Father at this time.- Our Spies also Say that only three Cannon had Arrived there, that 5 more they expected that Night; That the French Command-ant Ordered all the Battoes to Sett up the River, and to turn those that were Coming down back, so that they only see the three Pieces, that a great Number of Indians was tying up their Bundles to Set off, & some gone, & that about Thirty large Battoes were Set off to go back before

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they came off, that they think the French will endeavor to divide the Indians, leaving some of them behind to Annoy us on the Road; that three Shaw:=nesse will be down in two days, who promised them to Stay, and See what Number Stay'd, and what went away, and to bring a certain Account of it, and they promised them that they should be well paid for their trouble.— That the 13th Some of the Party that Attacked Ligonier returned to Venango, but brought neither Prisoners or Scalps, and Said that they had One Man killed, & One Wounded; That soon after they Arrived Four In:=dians, who had been Watching the Road about Stony Creek, came in and Informed the French Commandant that the English Army was come over the Great Mountain (the Alleghony) with a great num:=ber of Horses loaded, & battle, that there could not be less than a thousand Men.— The Indians that were with the French were of Twelve different Nations, and had Colours at the head Warriors' Tent of Each Nation

That 19 Wayondotts, the whole that were with the French, Set off for their own Country be:=fore these Spies left that.

The Three Shawnesse mentioned above, Said, the Whole of the Shawnesse that were with the

French, are not yet Arrived, but hourly Expected.—

Twenty Wayondotts are Arrived here this day from over the Lakes, who Say that the Chief Man of their Nation, with Seventy more, are on their way here.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

(Sign'd) George Brogban.

Endorsed Copy Indian Intelligences / Dated Pittsburgh 15.th July 1759. / Enclosed in Brig.r Stanwix's Letter to / General Amherst of 23.d d.o / in M:G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.o 31.

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Camp Fort Bedford, 14th. August 1759.

Dear Sir,

It is with infinite pleasure that I received last Night, the favor of Your Letter of the 31st July, and sincerely Congratulate You upon Your Success at Tienderoga, and hope You will meet with the Same in the Whole Progress of Your Campaign; the same Express brought me the certain Account of Sir Wm. Johnson's being in Possession of Niagara, and having defeated the Troops that were intended to Attack Pittsburgh, but were called up: =on for the relief of that important Post.-

It has been very mortifying to me, that I have been unavoidably Obliged to Stay here four: =teen days, notwithstanding We have sent off several Large Convoys to Pittsburgh, but the Evil still re: =mains of not being able to get beforehand there One Month with Provisions for One Thousand Men, on the Strength of which I have all along de: =termined to Set out; In a few days I shall have another good Convoy, and get to Pittsburgh as fast as possible, and have several times Wrote to Colonel Mercer to Save, as much as possible, his Provisions brought with so much Labour, thro' such rough roads, and from so great a distance, from the

great Concourse of Indians who come there, upon various pretences, & all expect to be fed; Am confident Col: Mercer had done all in his power, without totally disobliging these New Friends; Understood from Capt: Croghan that he has agreed to a General Meeting for to Conclude a final peace, two Months hence, which for that time will prevent New Comers from Setting out. I Enclose You Colonel Mercers last Letter of the 6th. where he still Complains of the difficulty of getting beforehand with provisions at Pittsburgh, and to move anything like an Army there in such Circumstances, would throw us backwards, rather than put us in any forwardness.

Major Tulliken set off here the fifth with a large Convoy to Pittsburgh, under an Escort of 200 R. Amr. & have no doubt but he will get there safe; he takes Orders to Colonel Mercer to go with him, and have the Command, which is to consist of 400 Men, 300 Royal Americans, and 100 Provincials, Capt. Hay and a Lieut: of Artillery and all We have of the Train, an Engineer, & some pieces of Ordnance, with what Indians can be fed, and Endeavor to take post at Venango, (till another Supply of provisions can be got up) as We have only 20 small Batteaus, which I hope will

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be found no very difficult matter, if We succeed in this, it will be a good post to take our departure from, for Le Beauf & Presqu' Isle, and put an end to our Convoys being so frequently Attacked from thence, and facilitate the utmost Endeavors I shall Use to relieve the Garrison of Niagara.

A Large Convoy set off here the 30th of July, under an Escort of 100 Men, and Colonel Byrd of the Virginia Forces set off from Ligonier to meet them at Laurel Hill, 150 Men under the Command of Captain Jocelyne, the first part of the Convoy that he met, was a Drove of 150 Oxen, he strengthen'd that Escort with 100 of his Men, and sent them forward as the Garrison at Ligonier was in great distress for want of Provisions, having sent almost all they had to Pittsburgh, he staid himself with the Waggons and Pack Horses, with the remainder of his Command, which was Attacked at Laurel Hill, by a strong Party of Indians, which Captain Jocelyne repulsed, killed two of them upon the Spot, supposed Eight more, either killed or Wounded, as there was so many of their Arms left behind on their retreat; poor Jocelyne was killed, having received two Balls thro' his Body, towards the end of the

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Action; We had three Men, and Six Waggon Horses killed.

As this makes a Vacancy in the First Bat: = talion, and the Officers Shot at every day, and behave well, hope You will be so obliging as to let the preferment go in the Battalion, and I shall do them the Justice they deserve to recommend them to You by Seniority in their Several Ranks, as follows –

Capt. Lieut. Donald Campbell.
Lieut. Lewis Curry.
Ensign Fra^{s} Gordon.

You was pleased to promise Ensign Gordon to remember him, being put by at New York, to make room for a time, for a Supernumerary Lieut. of Col^{o} Montgomery's Regiment, who had no pay in that Corps.

Colonel Bouquet joins with me to recommend to You Mr. Samuel Schlosser for the Colours, Son to Capt. Schlosser who has Served this three Years in the R. Am^{n} Reg^{t} a Volentier at present in the First Battalion and here; was Wounded pretty severely last Year at the Attack of Tiinderoga, and behaved well; I presented him to You at New York, where he delivered to You his Memorial.

Before the Alarm of the Enemy Assembling

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at Venango with Artillery, I had given Colo Byrd Orders to march to Pittsburgh from Fort Cumberland, with the 500 Men of this Virginia Regiment, and open the Road from thence thro' Braddock's Road, to let in Provisions that way from the Borders of Maryland & Virginia, to Pittsburgh, but upon that apparent pressing occasion, he was called for to the Assistance of Pittsburgh and Ligonier; Since that 200 Men have been ordered to Fort Cumberland to clear that Road & Escort, who are advanced forty Miles of the Worst of it, When Compleated I am hopefull we shall have Provisions and forrage thrown in that way to Pittsburgh, from Maryland and Virginia.—

It gives me Concern to find that You have had no Account lately from General Wolfe; 'tis with impatience We wait to Congratulate You upon good News from thence.—

The Detachment of Colonel Montgomery's Battalion have Orders to come down with the first returned Waggons, and join their Corps, which the late Allarm prevented till now.— If keeping the Provincial Troops busy will make them hold out, the Constant Employment upon Mending almost impassable Roads & Escorts, will certainly Effect

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it.— I beg You will believe that I am, with great Truth,

Dear Sir,

&ca.

John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Brigr. Genl. / Stanwix to Ma. General Amherst / Dated Fort Bedford, 14th. Augst. 1759. / Complaining of the difficulties he meets with / in getting up a sufficient quantity of / Provisions; the Same Encreased thro' the Vast / Consumption of the Indians;— The Measures / he is taking to get up large Convoys; And / Capt. Jocelyne being killed in repulsing / the Enemy that had Attacked one of those / Convoys, &ca — / in Ma. Gl. Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / No. 32.

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Copy.

Camp at Fort Bedford 16th Augst 1759.

Dear Sir,

Since I gave You the trouble of a Long Letter of the 14th I have received the enclosed Ex-tracts of Letters from Colonel Mercer from Pitts-burgh, and Intelligence from Capt: Croghan, Agent for Indian Affairs, that the French, on hearing of Niagara's being taken, has retired from Venango, Le Beuf, and Presqu'Isle, after burning all these Posts.

Major Tulliken is at Pittsburgh with 400 Royal Americans destined for Niagara, the 2o Bat: -teaus ready, but the Ohio is so uncommonly low that it is not possible now to get up that River, even with Canoes; The French were obliged to burn all their Batteaus upon Beauf River for want of Water to carry them up to the Portage; this put a full Stop to the March of the De-tachment, as it will be absolutely necessary to go by Water from Presqu'Isle to Niagara, knowing of no Path leading by Land, which would be a vast Circuit, but have some time ago Wrote to Mr Croghan to get all the Information that was possible, but have had no Answer, from which I Conclude he has had no Satisfactory Account.

I Expect to hear either from Sir William

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Johnson or Brig.r General Gage who are informed of this Measure proposed, and I hope will be able to Send Batteaus to Presqu' Isle for this Relief, as I hope they can get them over their Portage at the Falls, and beg You would Send an Order for it, lest it should Slip them, and please to let them Inform me of the time that our Troops must be at Presqu' Isle, and the Number necessary for the Garison of Niagara; We have Judged 400 of the Royal Americans to be Sufficient, with Major Tullikens, but will Send more if required; If this can be Executed, hope You will, agreable to the Major's Expectations You gave him of going home after this Campaign, that he may then be relieved.

The difficulty of forming even a small Magaz:=zine at Pittsburgh is almost Insurmountable, as we can form no Calculation with so many Western Indians coming daily to Pittsburgh, and must be fed in Spite of us, having had no Assistance from the Legisla:=ture, and not yet got one half of the Waggons wanted, for as their Law now stands, the penalty is only Forty Shillings, and that to go to the Parish, which they with pleasure pay to get clear of the Service; last Year the penalty was Twenty Pounds, which forced every Township to give their Quota, but absolutely refused this Year, after many many Applications;

I am not quite clear but it would be much cheaper & Easier to be Supplied with Flour at Pittsburgh from Niagara, than to Carry it this way, attended with such an Immense Expence & tedi: =ous Land Carriage; but this may be matter for future Consideration.

My next Letter to You I hope will be from Pittsburgh, so shall Conclude this, with wishing You Every imaginable Success, & full Assurance that I am, with the greatest Truth, Dear Sir,

&c.,

John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Brigr. Genl. Stanwix / to Ms. General Amherst. / Dated Camp at Fort Bedford 16th Augst 1759. / Acquainting him that the French upon / hearing of Niagara's being taken, had / retired from Venango, Le Boeuf, and Presqu' Isle. / That Major Tulliken was at Pittsburgh / with 400 Royal Americans, destined for / Niagara, but that the Ohio is so uncommonly / low, that it is not now possible to get up that / River, even

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Fort Ligonier, 23d August 1759.

Dear Sir,

Since my last to You of the 16th Inst. I received a Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson of the 25d of July, the day of the Surrender of Niagara; In his post Script he Says (as You will perceive by the Copy of his Letter I send You here) that the Fort will require a Garrison of 500 Men at least, but does not propose any Method how the Men are to get from Presqu' Isle to Niagara; In hopes to Obviate this I wrote to Colonel Mercer who Comm:-mands at Pittsburgh to make every possible En:-quiry, that I might Execute this piece of Service in relieving this Garrison of Niagara with 500 Men Rank & File of the First Battn. of the R. A. R. with Major Tulliken.-

A Copy of Colonel Mercer's Letter of the 20th Instant, chiefly on this Subject, I herewith Enclose to You, by which You will perceive the present apparent Impractability of getting this Relief from Presqu' Isle to Niagara, without Batteaus be sent from Niagara to Presqu' Isle, & shall the moment I get to Pittsburgh send back these Indians of the Six Nations, that the Officer Commanding at Ni:-agara may know the Impractability of getting a

Body of Men from Presqu'Isle to Niagara, except Supplied from the latter with Batteaus, and my being Acquainted of the time I may Expect these Batteaus at Presqu'Isle, and am Using every Method that either Occurs to Myself or Others, to procure a Magazine of Provisions at Pittsburgh, to Enable me to Carry on the Service required of me, which as yet has proved ineffectuall, chiefly from the Inundation of Indians, hitherto so im-=possible to prevent; I shall be there in a few days, and try my utmost to get the better of this inexpressible inconvenience but doubt of my Success therein, from the Attempts made by Colonel Mercer having hitherto absolutely failed, the Returns of Provisions delivered at Pittsburgh the 20th Instant to Indians being 500 Rations.

I Shall only repeat, my utmost En-=deavors shall never be wanting to Execute every possible Service required of me; Con-=gratulate You very sincerely on Your Success at Crown Point

The Burning Venango, Le Boeuff, & Presqu'Isle, of which I gave You an Indian Account in my Letter of the 16th is Confirmed by Various Intelligence since.

I beg You will believe me to be, with

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the greatest Truth

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient &

Most Humble Servant

John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy - Letter from Brigr. General / Stanwix to Ml. General Amherst. / Dated Fort Ligonier 23d Augst 1759. / That upon Intelligence received from Sir Wm. / Johnson that Niagara will require a / Garrison of 500 Men at least, he proposes to / Send Major Tulli: =ken with 500 Rank & File / of the 1st Battn. Royl. Americans on that Service, / but that it will be impracticable to get this / relief from Presqu' Isle to Niagara, without / Batteaus are sent from the latter to the former / for that purpose. - That he is Using every / Method £ to procure a Magazine of Provisions / at Pittsburgh which had as yet / proved ineffectual, chiefly from the Inundation / of In: =dians, who Consumed an immence Quantity. - / in Mr: G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 34.

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Camp before Niagara 25th July 1759.-

Sir

It is with the highest pleasure I Congratu:
=late You on the happy Issue of our Excpedition against Niagara.-

We left Oswego the first of July and were favored with Calm weather & a series of other propitious Events, and arrived within four miles of the Fort the 6th in the Evening.-

We Invested the place early in the Morn:
=ing of the 7th but from some unexpected Acci:
=dents were prevented from breaking Ground till the 9th at Night, we Carried on our Approaches with little or no loss and opened two Batterys the 11th one of Which did no great Execution by rea:
=son of it's great distance, but by the 23d we open:
=ed an Eight Gun Battery within a Hundred and Fifty Yards of the Fort Which played with considerable Success.-

The 20th the Command of this Army devolved on me by the Death of our Worthy General, Who was Accidentally killed by one of our own Shells, an Event Which gave me the most Sensible Concern. The same day we lost Colonel Johnson, of the New York Regiment Who was killed

in the Trenches by a Musket Ball.—

The 24th Instant in the morning we were Attacked by a Body of French & Indians about 1200, We gave them a Warm reception & entirely Defeated them Killing a very Considerable Number as appeared by the Scalps taken by the Indians and taking about 100 prisoners amongst Whom are all their Principal Officers & partizans to the Amount of 19. This is an Event that I Imagine will be of great Consequence to Your Expedition as they were intended to oppose Your army had they not been called by Express to the relief of this Fort

The Fort Surrendred this morning Prisoners of War to be Sent to New York and from thence as We shall Judge proper to be Sent either to England. or France. By the Intelligence I have Received from the Indians, I have the pleasure to tell You the French Forts Your way are in no respectable Situation— At Presque Isle there are 200 men Two 2 Pounders one four Pounder a Mortar but no Shells, at the River Le Beuf 50 men, at Venango 150, The Forts only Picquetted.

I Shall Garrison this place agreable to General Amherst's Instructions to General Prideaux till the Arrival of Some of Your Troops Who I find are Intended to Garrison this Fort.

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I sincerely Wish You all Success and hope for their Speedy Arrival, as the present Emergency greatly calls for it.—

I am Sir

with Sentiments of the most sincere regard

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Wm. Johnson

P. S. As the Fort is much larger than Imagined by us I propose leaving a Garrison of 500 men at least—

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir William / Johnson Bart. To / Brigr. Genl. Stanwix Dated / Camp before Niagara 25th July 1759. / Enclosed in the Brigadiers To / Genl. Amherst of 23d. Augt. 1759 / Acquainting the Brigr. with the / Surrender of Niagara.— / in M:G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 35.

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Pittsburg 20th August 1759.-

Sir

Yesterday arrived here Some Six Nation Ind:-dians with the Inclosed Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson to Your Excellency, Which I forward by two of the Same party.

By all the Information that I can obtain, It Appears impracticable to March a Body of men from Presqu' Isle to Niagara, The Country being all a Swamp near the Lake, and a road that way never Attempted.-

As Colonel Bouquet in his Letter of the 16th desires my Opinion of the Best method of Trans:-porting Troops from hence to Niagara, I must think that the first Step is to be informed, by an Express Sent to Niagara Whether Batteaus can be Sent from thence to Presqu' Isle, by the time the Troops from Hence could get up there, for it is evident that without water Carriage across the Lake the Design must be dropt.

The distance from hence to Venango is reckon:-ed Eighty Miles a good Path for Pack Horses & plenty of Grass, I am told the Road to Le Beuf is Still better and is Seventy miles distance from Venango after Which it is fifteen Miles almost

one continued Bridge to Presqu' Isle. —

A few trusty Indians might be procured to Attend the Troops & point out the Best Places for Encamping & Feeding of Cattle. —

The Rising of the Ohio a little might Ren: =der the Navigation to Venango practicable, I much Question Whether French Creek will be passable these two Months — So that the Whole Dependence for Trans: =porting the provisions & Baggage of the Troops must be upon Pack Horses —

Some Spies upon the Indians about the Lake would be of Service When the Troops Sett off from Hence to give them timely Notice of any Attempts of the Enemy if such Should be intended. Upon the Whole the March of such a Number of men with their train of Baggage & Provisions will be attended with many difficulties & appears liable to many disasters that may render it ineffectual

The Indian Fellow Who Scalped the Waggon: =er near Legonier, was of Killbucks party & the Delawars have promised to bring him up from the Mouth of Beaver Creek. —

It is certainly necessary to take some severe method with these Villains, They go on Stealing our Horses & tho' upon Croghans Representations promises are made to restore them; I see none

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Brought back nor can we Shake the crowd of them off from preying on our provisions, No Returns can be got of their Numbers, The In:-dian Agents Absolutely refusing to Comply with the orders, as impossible,

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Excellency's

most Obedient

Humble servant

Hugh Mercer

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Col.° Hugh Mercer / Commandant at Pittsburg / To Brig.r General Stan:-wix Dated / Pittsburg 20.th August 1759. / Enclosed in the Brigadier's to / Gen.l Amherst of 23.d Aug.t 1759 / Setting forth the difficulties of getting a / Body of Troops to Niagara, unless / Batteaus are sent from thence to Presqu' Isle / for that purpose. / in M.r G. Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.°. 36

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Pittsbro? 17th Sepr. 1759.--

Dear Sir,

I am to Own the favor of Your Letter of the 31st Augst with the Commissions for the Vacancys occasioned by the loss of poor Capt. Jocelyn; Your great Justice and favor to the First Bat=talion in letting them go thus in Succession, must give them a high Opinion of Your Goodness and favor to them, of which they are vastly Sensible; have acquainted Colonel Bouquet of Your favor likewise, chiefly to his recommendation of Ensign Schlosser, for which I am Sure You will meet with his thanks, he is still at Fort Bedford, laboring under many difficulties in getting up Provisions, and after all he can do, leaves me here just enough to Serve from hand to Mouth; have here now only 300 Barrells of Flour, and feed near 2000 People, including Artificers, Women, Waggoners, Drivers, &ca, with a constant Succession of Indians, never less than 500 Men, Women and Children, as some go off others come in Succession, and except we Quarrel with them, which I don't look upon them prudent to do, they will have too large a share of what we get up at such Immense Expence, and almost insufferable difficulty;

thus Situated the Utmost we can Expect from Pen:
=sylvania will only feed us during the Campaign
if that; so have been necessitated to Send 250 Men
to Clear and Cutt Braddock's road from Fort Cum:
=berland to Pittsburgh, and to Serve as Escorts for
Convoys we hope for that way, and 250 with
Colonel Byrd of the Pensylvania Troops, to cutt
and Open a Road from Fort Cumberland to Red:
=stone Creek, to build a piqueted Fort there, and
Covered for Provisions Contracted for from the South
Branch of the Potomac, and am building a Flatt
and some large Batteaus to bring Provisions when
lodged there down the Monohngela, when we have
water, which at present is so low that even a
Canoe can't get up; I hope both these will Answer,
tho' not at soonest till next Month, which will
Enable me to get a Stock of Provisions for Six
Months for a Garrison here of Five or Six Hun:
=dred Men, which, without it, will be impossible
from the Pensylvania Road having already ruined
two thirds of our Teams, and broke to Pieces above
half the Waggons, notwithstanding I have had between
five and Six hundred Men constantly at work in
Changing, Mending and Opening the Road, and yet
have a great deal to do.— About ten days ago, we
began our New Fort, which was as soon as we could

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get up Working Tools & Materials, which Employed Fifty Waggons, and yet a great many behind, the road so steep and rough in many places, that the Waggons can't be above half Loaded:— The Fort begun is a Pentagon, that figure best Suiting with our Ground near the Old Fort, which, when finished is judged, will be of Sufficient Strength and every way adequate to the great Importance of its several Objects, which are Mr. Pitts' Words; What progress we shall be able to make this Year I can't Say, but all Expedition shall be Used that is possible, but 'tis provisions that must bound our Number of Workmen & every other Operation Undertaken in this distant place.— The more I Enquire into the possibility of relieving the Garrison of Niagara this Year, the more Impracticable I find it; provisions I have none, if I had, have no Water Carriage up the Ohio, that River con:=tinuing Unnavigable for our smallest Boats, and it would require between three & four hundred Horses at least, to Carry Tents and only necessary Baggage, with Provisions, if I had it or could get it, and I could not procure Fifty Horses to be Employed this way, if I would give the World for them, and the Season now so far advanced, that this relief could not Answer in

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point of time, for the Service expected from it, tho' we could depend upon Batteaus at Presqu' Isle to Carry 500 Men to Niagara; Nothing ever gave me more Uneasiness than not being able to Execute this piece of Service, and still makes me very Unhappy; beg therefore You will believe that I have cast about for every means to Effect it but to no purpose; Wish You may meet with no difficultys that are insurmountable, and that Your Campaign begun so Successfully, may End to Your total Satis:=faction; I have no great hopes this way for my Own, but I shall have the private Consolation of Acting up to the best of my Power and Judg:=ment, and flatter Myself that all that Serve with me here, and See the difficulty I have to Struggle with will do me the Justice to Say so.—

Capt. Barnsly is Adjutant to the First Battalion, but as it is improper he should be so, but as he bought the Commission pretty dear and borrowed the Money in part, he has hitherto been Indulged with the Pay of Adjutant, and Lt. William Potts has done the duty to Qualify himself for that Post; I have agreed that he shall give Barnsly £100 for the Commission, if You approve of it, which is agreed to on both Sides, and I Lend, or rather give the Young Man the Money; If You

have no Objection, shall be much Obliged, if You are pleased to grant this Commission to Lt. Wm. Potts, who I think, as well as Major Tulliken, that he will make a good Adjutant.

Capt. Gordon, who is our Chief Engineer here, Assisted by Lt. Basset; these are the only two I have to Carry on a very large Work for the time of Year, and the latter of so very weak a Constitution, that, for want of health, he is not of the Service here I could Wish, and would be of very little Service at Niagara, was it possible for him to go there in any time; I have one Other Lieut. Mr. Myer in the Regiment, tho' not on the Establishment of an Engineer, who I have Employed all along upon the Roads, in which necessary Service he has Acquitted himself very well, as far as he has gone; Capt. Gordon has pick'd out Two Boys Ens: Duplasis & Ens: Schlosser as Overseers and are but very poor at that; Lt. Brehm & Ens: Phister are Engineers; the first I know a good One, the Other not much knowledge of, both of the first Battalion, and I believe with You. Thus, Sir, with the Return now Sent, You will See my Whole Strength, and all, God knows, but very little in proportion to the Works carrying on, in which

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I fear we shall make but a mean figure, except the Season prove good, and the Winter keep off a Month longer than to the Northward, which is all my hopes. 'Tis with impatience I wait for good News from Genl. Wolfe, and am, with the greatest Truth,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

John Stanwix.-

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Brigr. / Genl. Stanwix to Mr. Genl. Amherst. / Dated Pittsburgh 17th Septr. 1759. / Repeating the insurmountable / Difficulties he meets with in forming / a proper Magazine of provisions / at Pittsburg; the unlikelyhoods of his / being able to Relieve Niagara; And / that the Fort is begun; Which, it is / Judged, When finished, will be of / sufficient strength and every way / adequate to the great Importance / of its several objects, but does not / Seem to think it would be finished / this Year.-/ in Mr. Gl. Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / No. 37.

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Camp at Crown Point 8th Augst 1759.

Dear Sir,

Soon after mine of the 31st Ultimo, whereby You will have Seen, that I only waited to get my Boats & Batteaus across the Carrying place to proceed hither, I received Intelligence from some of my Scouting parties, that the Enemy had blown up the Fort, & were likewise gone from this; Whereupon, without waiting for the whole of the Boats and Batteaus, which were retarded thro' heavy Rains, I Set out with such part of them as could be got ready, and on the Evening of the 4th Landed and took possession of this Ground, where I found only a part of the Fort blown up, but as it was by no means a good One, nor even properly Situated, I am going to build another in its Stead, which shall most effectually Cover and Secure this Country.

The same Night of my Arrival here, I was joined by a most Welcome Messenger from Sir Wm Johnson with the Agreable News of the Reduction of Niagara on the 25th when it Capitulated; Immediately after which, I am Informed, Sir William sent You the Accounts of it

by a Trusty Indian, that was to go across the Country, so that long ere this You will have been Apprized of this great and happy Event, by which the Garrison, consisting of 607 Men, are Prisoners of War, and Sent to New York, together with 17 Officers, & 160 more Men of that Corps mentioned in the Intelligence which Accompagnies Your favor of 23d July, over which Ours gained a Complete Victory, having entirely Routed them, & killed a great many:- This leaves You at liberty to pursue Your Operations with facility and can: =not fail of Securing Your Success, on which I hope to Congratulate You, as I now do on this happy presage, which gives me Additional pleas: =ure on Your Account.

No News yet from the River St. Lawrence, but I have tried two different Routes to Convey these Accounts to Major General Wolfe, One or Other of which if not both, I am hopefull will Succeed.

I am most Sincerely, and with great Esteem,

Dear Sir &ca

Jeff: Amherst.

Brigr. General Stanwise

Endorsed Copy. Letter from General Amherst / to Brigr. General Stanwise. / Dat.d Camp at Crown

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Point 8th Augst 1759. / Acquainting him with his having taken / possession of this Ground, and that the / Evening of his Arrival there, he had received / the Intelligence of the Surrender of Niagara, / which could not fail of Ensuring the / Brigh Success. — / in Mr. Y: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / Nº. 38.

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Camp of Brown Point August 31st 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Had, two days since, the favor of re:
=ceiving Your Letter of the 14th Instant from Bed:
=ford, with one Enclosed from Col: Mercer of the 6th.

I am grieved for the loss of poor Captain Jocelyne; he is Unlucky to have fallen just When he had routed the party that Attacked him, Which probably is the last party of the Enemy that will give any Disturbance on Your Communication

The loss of the two Highland Grenadiers from Pittsburgh is a recent proof of the little de:
=pendence that is to be given to any of those Scoundral Indians; We are feeding many of them Who would do just the Same these Villains of the Savays have done, if they found any oppor:
=tunity; I wish with all my heart these Mur:
=derers could be catched and brought to Justice, I am thoroughly convinced the best method of treating them is allways to keep them under with a strict hand, never to trust to them but to be allways on one's Guard against them, Reward them When they have merit, & hang them When they Deserve it

I am Glad to find by your Letter that

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Colo Mercer and Major Tullikens were to advance to take post at Venango, in Which I am pretty sure they can find at most but very little oppo: =sition; they will meet wt no more at Le Beuf and Presqu' Isle, all Which Places must conse: =quently fall by the Reduction of Niagara, and Some of the French Officers said they had only one hundred & Twenty men at Venango, and Fifty at both the other Places, and no more than three Weeks provisions for them When Niagara was taken; by this and Your Provisions getting up, I Don't doubt but all obstructions to your relieving the Garrison of Niagara will be removed; I am very sensible You will use Your utmost endeavours to relieve it so soon as You can, and indeed it is of the greatest Consequence to the Ulterior operations of the Campaign that the Gar: =rison left under the Command of Lieut. Colo Farquhar Should return to Oswego, & Join the Army under the Command of Brigr Genl Gage the first moment it can be effected.—

I have take such precautions as I think will Most Effectually secure a proper Supply of provisions being forwarded for the Garrison of Niagara in due time and I have the Satisfaction to be Assured by Colo Bradstreet from Albany, that the supply can't fail.

I must Desire that You will Send an Engineer or an Assistant one from the Army under your command to Niagara, that Whatever may be requisite to be done for the security of that important Post may be set about immediately; As the Enemy had not finished some of the works, but begun to Pallisade, When Brigr. Prideaux was before the Place, I Imagine many Necessary things may be done, that the Garrison can Execute, Which You will please to order without loss of time.—

I Enclose You a Return of Ammunition & Stores I have ordered from New York & Albany in consequence of a Report sent me from Sir William Johnson Which I hope will Arrive at Niagara in proper time.—

I likewise Enclose you the Commissions according to your recommendation in Succession to the Vacancy occasioned by the death of poor Jocelyne

I wrote to You on the 8th Instant to Acquaint You of my Arrival here, Since Which nothing very Material has happened; I have had no News yet of Mr. Wolfe except by a Letter from Monsr. de Montcalm of the 30th of July Which I Received the 15th Instant Wherein he says Mr. Wolfe seems resolved to burn the Town of Quebec, for

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Eighteen days past he has Thrown in Shells, bar:
=casses, &ca and that the two Armies were as
near to each other as they could be without
coming to Action.— By that Mr. Wolfe has
gained his point in Landing and I doubt
not but he has taken the Town before this— I
have a Letter from Brigr. Whitmore of the 28th
July; the last he heard from Quebec was the
11th. Brigr. Monckton was then Landed as You
see in the Boston papers— I am with the great:
=est truth & regard

Dear Sir &ca

Jeff: Amherst.

Brigr. General Stanwix

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Mr. Genl. Amherst / To Brigr. Genl.
Stanwix Dated / Camp at Crown Point 31st. Augt. / 1759 /
In Answer to the Brigrs. of the 14th Augt. and / Ac=
=quainting him with the Weakness of the / French posts
at Venango, &ca, from whence / he concludes that all Ob:
=structions to / relieving the Garrison of Niagara will be /
removed;— The Brigr will do his utmost / to relieve it as
soon as he can, as it is of the / greatest Consequence to
the Ulterior / Operations it should— / in Mr: G:
Amherst's of Octr: 22d 1759 / Nº: 39.

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Camp at Crown Point, 2d. Sept.r 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Received Yesterday the favor of Your Letter of the 16th August from Fort Bedford, with some Extracts of Letters from Colonel Mercer, & Intelligence from Mr. Croghan enclosed.

The Step the Enemy has taken in des:=troying their Posts, and retiring from the Coun:=try between Pittsburgh and Niagara is far from being Surprising; It certainly was not in their power to remain there in any force.

I Make no doubt but You will hear from Sir William Johnson every thing that may be necessary for Your Information as to the Garri:=son of Niagara, as from the Instructions I gave to Brig.r Gen.l Prideaux, it is mentioned that You are to Garrison the Place from the Army under Your Command, and I gave him Copies of what I Wrote to You on that Subject. - The immediate Relief of that Garrison is so very necessary for the Ulterior Operations, and the Communication from thence to Pittsburgh, by Presqu'Isle so very Short (and nothing at present can Stop the Intercourse) that I hope You will receive all the Intelligence You can desire from thence, & that there will

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have been no delay in waiting for any further Orders from me, which is such a round about Method as must vastly retard, if not totally put a Stop to all the Service that was Intended to be had by the Relief of the Garrison, that it might join in the Ulterior Operations of the Campaign on the River St. Laurence.

As to the Numbers requisite for the Garri:=son of Niagara, that must be decided on the Spot; Sir William Johnson has mentioned to me a larger Number than I Imagine can be neces:=sary; I Send You an Extract of his Letter.

In the Calculation I have made for the Provision I have put Niagara down for 600 Men, but that is not to fix the Number; Provisions shall not be wanting for whatever Number is thought necessary for the defence of the Place; I have already wrote to You about Sending an Engineer there, and if You have not particular Employ for Colo. Bouquet, I should think he would be the properest Person for the Command at Niagara, but You will judge best as to that, and do as You think right; You are very Sensible of the Importance of the Post, Nothing must be Omitted that can any wise tend to the defence of it.

As to the Supplys for Pittsburgh being sent by Niagara, it is a matter, as You say very rightly of future Consideration, and if found feasible the Preparations must be made accordingly.-

I Hope that now the Enemy is entirely Routed from Your Communication, the Advancing of the Troops will prove much less difficult than has been Imagined;- I most heartily Wish You health and Success, and Am, with great Truth & Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most Humble &

most Obed.t Servant,

Jeff: Amherst.

Brig.r General Stanwix.-

Endorsed Copy / Letter from M. General / Amherst to Brig.r Gen.l Stanwix. / Dated Camp at Crown Point, 2.d Sep.r 1759. / In Answer to the Brig.rs of the 16.th August; / repeating the Consequence it is of to the / Ulterior Operations that he should immediately / relieve the Garrison

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of Niagara; Col°. Bouquet / would be the properest Person for the Command / of that Fort, & that nothing must be Omitted / that can any wise tend to the defence of it;—/ concluding with hopes, that now the Enemy / is entirely routed from his Communication, / the Advanc: =ing of the Troops will prove less / difficult than has been Imagined.—/ in M: G: Amherst's of Oct^r: 22^d: 1759 / N°. 40.

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Copy.

Niagara July 31st 1759.

Sir,

Since my last I sent out a Party in Three Whale Boats, across the Lake to Toronto in order to make discovery whether the Enemy were there, that in that Case I might Send a Body of Men to take and destroy it; they returned the 4th day, and reported that they had been at the Place, but found the Houses, &ca, just burn:=ed and Abandonned; they brought away with them a Chipaweigh Indian, who was found near that Place, whom I shall dismiss with a handsome Present, and hope to make use of him in Settling an Alliance between Us & them distant Nations, the French having, whilst in possession of Niagara, cut off all Communication between Us and them.—

During the Siege, I Sent out the Indians to the Fort, and Storehouse, about 8 Miles off, which the Enemy Abandonning on their Approach, they plun:=der'd and Set fire to; Soon after a large party of Indians went to another Magazine they had above the great Falls, which was before their Ar:=rival destroyed, but the Indians having notice that the Skins, Furrs, &ca, with Goods of different kinds, were hid on an Island, they soon discovered the

Place, and got a considerable Booty; By the des:
=truction of these places, the Enemy have not One
Post left near us, and their Loss must be great,
as I heard One of the French declare that
he alone had lost to the Amount of 250,000 Livres.-

I Must beg leave to represent to Your Ex:
=cellency that as the Stormy Weather now Approaches
it will be Impossible for small craft to keep the
Lake, so that this Garrison may fall Short of
Provisions, unless a larger Number of Carpenters
are Employed in building Vessels with all dispatch,
and without We have a Superiority of Ships on
the Lake, it will be impossible for us to keep this
Post, it being a Place of too much importance to
the Enemy not to take every Step in their power
for its speedy recovery; I must add that as the
Works are extensive, it will require at least 1000
Men for a Garrison in time of War, whilst the
French have any footing on the River St. Laurence.
By the enclosed Plan You will See the Strength
of this Place, and how much We were mistaken
in our Opinions & Intelligence concerning it.- The
25th Inst. Lt Colo Haldimand Arrived here, in
order to take on him the Command, but as I have
His Majesty's Commission as a Colonel since the
Year 1756, I did not chuse to give it up to him;

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however We have Settled it in such a manner, that no dispute may Arise untill Your Excellency's Opin:=ion is known, being both Equally inclined to Carry on the Service as far as in our Power.

Four days ago I Wrote to General Stanwix (not having it in my power to Send Sooner) and gave him all the Intelligence I Could, concerning the State of the Country he was to pass thro', where I imagine he will have no great Body of the Enemy to Encounter, they having lost all their Officers, and so many of their People in the Engagement of the 24th

I Should be glad We had some 12 Pdrs. in lieu of the 6 Pounders, Sent for the Vessels which are to be Built, the Enemy's Vessels carry:=ing some 12 Pounders aboard; I am now fitting out two Small Vessels found here, which will be ready in two or three days, when I purpose to Set out for Oswego, leaving a Garrison here, Consisting of 600 of the 44th and 100 Yorkers, under the Command of Lt. Colo. Farquhar.— I Have Sent for what Carpenters are at Oswego, as this is the best Place for Building Vessels on Ac:=count of the depth of Water, and the quantity of Timber fit for the purpose.

We have in the whole but 1584 Effectives

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here as You may Observe by the enclosed Return, and as the Garrison would not be able to draw in the Timber, & repair the Works in a consider:-able time, neither would it be safe for them after our departure; and as all the Indians are gone home with their plunder, I have been obliged to stay hitherto, in order to leave the Troops who are to remain as little Work to do as possible.

On my Arrival at Oswego, I hope to re:=ceive Your Excellency's Orders concerning the next Step to be taken, the Circumstances of Affairs being much altered now, from the length of our Siege, the Number of the Killed and Wounded, of which I send You a Return, as well as the Number of the Garrison absolutely necessary to be left here. and the occasion there will be for a good Work at Oswego, without which We cannot keep up the Communication here, and which Colo. Haldimand has not been able to do any thing to as yet, having been Employed in fortifying his Camp, and building Redoubts ever since his Attack, the Number of Men with him being insufficient to compleat a Fort in any reasonable time.— I Send You Capt. Sketchy's Demand of Stores, &c., for this Garrison, and as he will not have above 12 Men to Carry from hence, he says he will

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want more up as soon as possible.

I am most respectfully,

Sir, / Your Excellency's

Most Obediant &

most Humble Servant.

Wm. Johnson.

His Excellency Major General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy, Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson Bart.t/ to General Amherst. / Dated Niagara 31st. July 1759/ containing a further Acct. of the great damage/ done to the Enemy by his Indians burning &/ destroying their Storehouses, &ca; That a / Chipa: =weigh Indian had been brought in whom/ he would dismiss with a handsome present, &/ hoped to make use of him in Settling an Alliance/ between us & them distant Nations; that he should set out in two or three days for Oswego,/ leaving Six hundred Men of the 44th. & One hundred/ of the Yorkers under the Command of Lt. Colonel/ Farquhar to Garrison the Fort, and carry on its/ Repairs; that he was fitting out two small Vessels/ found there, & should send for the Carpenters/ from Oswego, as Niagara, on Account of its depth/ of Water & the quantity of Timber fit for that pur: =pose,/ was the best place for building Vessells, &ca./ in M:G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22d 1759 / No. 43.

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Camp at Oswego August 9th 1759.

Sir,

On my Passage from Niagara (Which I left the Evening of the 4th. and by rowing day and Night Arrived here the 7th.) I Received Yours of the 28th Ult°. to the late Brig.r Prideaux, with the Account of Your having got possession of Tienderoga, on which I most heartily Congratulate You. The day after my Arrival here I sent away 21 French Officers (who were taken in the Action of the 24th at La belle Famille near Niagara) with a Guard of 60 Men, the Chevalier De Lignerus, with another Officer were left at Niagara, untill the former recovers a little of his Wound; At the same time I sent to Fort Stanwix, with the returning Batteaus, Such of the Sick and Wound:=ed as the Surgeon returned incapable of further Service this Campaign, there to remain untill Your pleasure is known, particularly those of the Provincials as in Your Instructions to Brig.r General Prideaux.

An Officer of the 46th who was with a Party to Escort the French Women to the first French Post, was Stopped on an Island about a league from Cadaraghui and not permitted to go further; By him I am Informed they have an Army

of Observation there, from which they Send frequent Scouts to Watch our Motions, and I Conjecture on our Approach they would retire to their strong Post near La Galette; This Officer Saw two of their larger Schooners off an Island, in order I Suppose to dispute the Entrance of the River with our Batteaus; I Refer You for particulars to his Report which I Enclose; *I must beg leave to Re:=mind Your Excellency of the necessity there will be for a good Respectable Work here, as the Supply:=ing of Niagara depends entirely on this Post, and should either of our Other Expeditions happen to fail, the Enemy will undoubtedly use all Efforts to Send an Army for the Reduction of this Place, by which Niagara must of Course fall, and they be again in possession of the Lake, and Open the Communication to the Westward and Louis:=iana which they have so long had in View.— ×Capt.n Sowers, Engineer, has sent Your Excellency a Plan for a Pentagon, which is Judged the best for the Ground We intend to Occupy; We are now busy in felling, Bringing in Logs, and Levelling the Ground for the foundation untill Your Excel:=lency's Approbation of the Plan is known.— An Aug:=mentation of Ship Carpenters is very much wanted, and it will be necessary immediately to lay in Provisions

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at Niagara, & here (more particularly so at the former place) sufficient to last until May next, as we shall meet with most insufferable difficul=ties in sending them in Batteaus, as the Stormy Weather begins already on this Lake, the Little Schooner & Sloop not being able to cope with the Enemy's Vessels, and it will take a con=siderable time, I find, for want of a sufficient Number of Artificers to build a large One.— Pro=visions have, and continue to come up very slowly; I am now taking all the Steps in my power for the Expediting them, notwithstanding I much fear, these Posts will Suffer for the Want of them.— You will See the State of Our Ar=tillery by the enclosed Return, as also of our Provisions &ca, the forwarding which to Niagara, and the Erecting of a Fort here, will keep the Troops in Constant Employ till the close of the Campaign.— As the Indians went all home from Niagara, with their Plunder, Prisoners & Scalps, I should be glad to know whether Your Excellency will think it necessary for me to remain here any longer since there is so Ac=tive & Experienced an Officer as Colo. Haldimand to take the Command. If I am to continue I hope to be favoured with Your Commands, as to

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what further Steps may be taken for the Security of this Post and that of Niagara.— I am extreme:-ly Sorry that I am under a necessity of Acquaint:-ing You that the Detachment of Artillery have not been, nor are they now so Active as they should be; the Remissness of some of them gave great Uneasiness to the Late Brig.r General Prideaux, and has since very much distressed me; One Officer is left at Niagara, Capt. Stratchy, and the only Officer Else who is Acquainted with his Duty is now Sick here, so that there remains Only One Young Gentleman, who is far from being able to dis:-charge the duty of an Artillery Officer.— I beg Leave, Sir, to mention to You a Young Gentleman, a Rela:-tion of Mine, Named Guy Johnson, who desirous of being in the Army, came to America with that View, is now with me, and very Serviceable.— If Your Excellency will let him have One of the first Va:-cancys may happen among the Subalterns I shall be extremely Obliged to You.—

I am, / Sir,

with the greatest Respect,

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and

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Wm Johnson

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P. S. I cannot in Justice Omit Acquainting Your Excellency that Mr. Mattral, a Voluntier in the 4th Battalion of Royal Americans, who came Express to Brigr. General Rideaux was of great Servce in Carry: =ing on our last parallel, and Erecting the last Battery.

As Capt. Lieut. Walton of the Train has Orders to go home and join his Regiment, he expects to be soon Relieved, which I promised he would.—

I Have heard nothing yet of the Newhamp: =shire Regiment, Your Excellency has Ordered this way, but I Suppose them coming Slowly on.—

His Excellency Major Genl. Amherst.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart/ to General Amherst./ Dated Camp at Oswego 9th. Augst. 1759./ Acquainting him of his Arrival at Oswego;/ That the Enemy have an Army of Observation/at Cadaraqui, from which they send frequent/ Scouts to Watch our Motions, and Conjectures/ that on our Approach, they would retire to their/Strong Post near La Galette; That two of the/ Enemy's larger Schooners were seen off an/ Island, in order, he Supposes, to dispute the/ Entrance of the River, with our Batteaus, &ca,/ With hints relative to the Importance of the/ post of Oswego.—/in Mr. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d: 1759 / No. 44.

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Camp at Oswego August 30th 1759.

Sir

I have received Your Excellency's favor of the 21st, as also those of the 5th & 14th Inst. and am extremely happy to find that the few undigested Hints inserted in my last have been honoured with Your Approbation.—

I am extremely oblidged to You for Your promise in favor of Mr. Johnson Who I hope will not Escape Your recollection When an Occasion offers and flatter myself he will Merit the provision Your Excellency shall make for him.—

There are now here to the Number of 200 Onondagas & Senecas Who Returned on my Message to them, and I daily expect a Number of the lower Nations with the Mohawks having sent an Indian Officer on my Arrival here with a Message to them to Join us with all Expedition Some of the Sene:=cas Who arrived here, have brought me advice that Soon after the Reduction of Niagara the French burned, & abandoned their Posts at Win:=inga & Presqu' Isle, and are retired to Fort De:=troit. In consequence of the message Which I sent by the Ohipawe Indian to the Missassagas & Indians on the other Side of Lake Ontario; a

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Number of them Arrived at Niagara, Where I left an Indian Officer with an Interpreter, I herewith Enclose You the Officers Letter to me as also an Extract of Lt. Col.o Farquhars Which contains the particulars of the Conference and proceedings held with them Which bears a very favorable aspect, Upon the Whole I make no doubt if time permit me after our intended Expedition by means of a proper present, to bring the Missassagas & their Neighbours so much into our Interest as to prevail upon them to fall upon, & Distress all the Enemy's Settlements in the Country Adjacent —

I am, with Great respect

Sir, Your Excellency's

Most Obed.t & most humble Serv.t

Wm. Johnson

His Excellency Major Genl. Amherst

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Sir / William Johnson Bar.t / To M. Genl. Amherst Dated / Camp at Oswego 30th. August / 1759 / Informing him of the Number of Indians / he has with him, & that he daily Expects / more; that in consequence of the

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Camp at Crown Point 6th Augst 1759.

Sir,

Lieut: Moncrieff arrived here on Saturday Night, and delivered me Your most welcome and agreable Letter of the 25th Ultimo, with the Imp: =portant News of the Surrender of Niagara on the same day; An Event too Essential and Interesting not to be imparted to His Majesty with the Utmost Dispatch; and as it could not be more properly Stated than in Your own words, and that You may reap the Encrease of honor due to You, for the great Share You have had in this Signal Success, I have Immediately Sent home Capt. Prescott with Your Original Letter, and the Capitulation it Accompanied, as also the Return of the Ammunition found in the place after its Surrender, and I make no Doubt but on his Return, I Shall have His Majesty's Commands to signify to You his most Gracious pleasure thereupon; Mean While I beg You will Accept of my most unfeigned thanks & Congratulations

The loss we have sustained upon this Occasion by the Melancholy Accident that has befallen poor Brigr. General Prideaux is really great, and I Regret him most Sincerely, as well as Colonel

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Johnson; So Soon as I was Apprised of it, I thought it Incumbent on me to Supply his Place with an Officer of Equal Rank, & I accordingly Dispatched Brig.r General Gage to take upon him the Command of that Army, with Instructions to pursue the Ulterior operations before directed, He set out from Ticonderoga on the 29th at Noon on his way to Oswego, Where he will be Arrived before this can reach You, And I must beg that You give him the Same aid & Assistance, in Every Respect, that agreable to my Desire, You gave poor Mr. Prideaux Whilst alive, in procuring him if possible, with all Convenient Speed Such a Body of Indians as You Shall be able to Collect, to Act in Conjunction with His Majesty's Troops, in Such further Attempts upon the Enemy as are Pointed out to Brig.r Gage, in Which I am Confident the Indians will not only be of great use but likewise Ensure Success, the Consequence of Which will be the Entire Reduction of Canada.—

And as I am Sensible that You have nothing more at heart than the Success of His Majesty's arms and the Re-establishing his good and faithfull subjects in the quiet and peaceable Enjoyment of their Possessions and properties, I am Certain that You will use all Your influence with

the several tribes & Nations of Indians under Your Command, and that be now gone home as is usual among them after any Success, to prevail on them to join You again, in order to proceed & Act in Conjunction wt. Brigr. General Gage & the Troops in such further Attempts as he shall agreable to my instructions find prac:=ticable to Undertake. I am with the greatest Regard &ca. —

Jeff: Amherst

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Endorsed Copy Letter from General Amherst / To Sir Will m. Johnson Bart. / Dated Camp at Crown Point / 6th August 1759 / Acknowledging the Receipt of Sir Williams / of the 25th July (gone home by Capt. Prescott); / Ac:=quainting him of Brigr. General Gage / being set out to Succeed Brigr. Prideaux. &/ desiring him, if possible to procure with all / convenient Speed, such a Body of Indians as / he should be able to Col:=lect to join in the / Ulterior Operations pointed out to Brigr. Gage. / in M: G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 47.

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Camp at Crown Point 11th Sept.r 1759.

Sir,

I am to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 30th August, Accompanying the Copy of a Letter wrote You by the Indian Officer Whom You left at Niagara, in relation to the Missassagas & Indians on the other side of Lake Ontario, that had come in there, as also an Extract of Lieut: Col.o Farquhar's containing the particulars of the Conference & proceedings held with them; from the favorable Aspect of which You make no doubt to bring the Missassagas & their Neighbours, so much into our Interest as to pre:=vail on them to fall upon & Distress all the Enemy's Settlements in the Country adjacent

I am Glad You have no Doubts of Ef:=fecting this Essential Service and I cannot too strongly Recommend to You, the bringing it to bear as early as possible, for Which You Shall not want any Assistance I can give You; At the same time I must again remind You, that from the little Dependance that can be made on Indian promises it is necessary to Caution all those Whom You treat with that as I mean not to take any thing from them, but on the Contrary

to Ensure them the free and uninterrupted Enj:
=joyment of their own I Expect that they shall
behave & Demean themselves in every respect as
good Neighbours and Allies; that Whenever they
Swerve from these Rules, I shall look upon &
Treat them as Enemies; And on the other hand
that Whenever they Render themselves of any use
or Service to us, they shall most punctually meet
with the Reward due to their merit.—

I am likewise Glad to see that You had
200 Onondagos & Senecas with You, and that
You were in daily Expectations of a number of
the Lower Nations & the Mohawks Whom I
hope will have Joined You time enough to
Accompany You & Brigr. Genl. Gage on the Ul:
=terior Operations Which I am willing to believe
will prove as Successfull as the former,

I am with great regard
Sir
Yr &c
Jeff: Amherst—

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst /To Sir
Wm. Johnson Bart. / Dated Camp at Crown Point

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Camp at Crown Point, 30th Augst 1759.

Sir,

As the Assembly of Your Province has made Provision for their Troops, only to the 1st of Novr after which I am Sensible it is not very prac:-ticable to Carry on any Operations in these North:-ern parts of America, Yet, as from the Events of the Campaign, it may happen those Troops can't be discharged soon enough to reach their respective Habitations by that time, I could therefore Wish You would move Your Assembly, to make further Provision for them for the whole of that Month, by the latter end of which, I should hope they may all get home, as I do not propose to keep any of the Provincial Troops after the Operations of the Campaign, and the necessary Works for Ensuring its Conquests are Compleated; And that I do not intend to keep any of them for Garrison Duty (Except one Company of One hundred Men of the Newhampshire Troops, and a like Company of the Massachusets Forces, in lieu of those You & they had at Fort Wm:-mer &ca, and No. 4, which, as I mentioned to You in my Letter of

NB What is Con:-tained in the Parenthesis is to the Govr of Newhampshire only.

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the 13th August, I shall detain to Garrison the Posts on the Otter River) of which You may Assure the Assembly from me, & therefore I doubt not, but they will, both for the good of the Service and the Encouragement of their Men, readily & Chearfully Concurr in making this necessary Provision.

I am, with great regard,

Sir, &c.,

Jeff: Amherst.

Circular To the Govrs. of Newhampshire, New York & New Jersey.

Endorsed Copy Circular Letter from / General Amherst to the Govrs. of Newhampshire, / New York, and / New Jerseys.—/ Dated Camp at Crown Point 30th Augst. 1759. / Recommending it to them to move their / Assemblies to make Provision for their / Troops for the whole of the Month of / November, for the same reasons, and on / the same Conditions as mentioned to the / Governor of the Massachusetts Bay on the / 28th of same Month.—/ in M. G. Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 52

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Camp at Crown Point 13th Augt. 1759.-

Sir,

Since I have been in possession of this ground, One of my particular Attentions has been, to Improve the advantages it gives me, of most Effectually covering and Securing this Country, and opening such Communications, as will render the Access between the Provinces & the Army, Easy, safe, and short; Accordingly, I sent to Explore the Otter River, in order to Erect such posts, on each side of it, as will obstruct all Scalping Parties from going up that river, to Annoy any of His Majesty's Subjects, that may now chuse to come and Settle between No. 4 and that; but I cannot say that, that River, by any Means, Answers the Idea I had conceived of it from description and Report; Wherefore, I shall defer the Work I Intended, untill I have had the Whole surveyed Which I have ordered to be done.—

Mean time, I am to Inform you as I do, by this conveyance, the Govr. of the Massachusets Bay, that When these Posts are Established upon Otter River, I shall Expect that, each of your Provinces, instead of Garrisoning No. 4 Fort Dummer, Canoe Meadow, Great Meadow &c, with Two Companies

of 100 Men each, and Officers in proportion, You do, each of you, send a like Company of 100 Men and Officers in proportion to the posts upon Otter River, Where, by their being thus Collected, they will be of Infinite greater Security to the Whole Country, than by being Dispersed as they were at the above mentioned places; Which, from my being here, are already out of all kind of danger, and therefore, I have ordered those Companies, to Join their Re-spective Regiments —

And, for the easier communication of Your two provinces with this Post, I have already, for these some days past, had a Number of Men in the Woods, that are Employed in Cutting a Road between this and No. 4, Which will be finished before you can Receive this; to Compleat it quite up to Pennycook, which must be Still of greater advantage to your province, Whom I Doubt not but will very gladly Improve so favorable & promising an Opportunity, the Rangers Who are busy on the Road to No. 4, are ordered to Mark the Trees in the proper direction, So that Your people will have only to Cutt them, to make the Com-=munication open between Pennycook & No. 4, Which I would have you to Recommend to

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them, to Set About without delay-

I am &ca

Jeff Amherst

His Excell.y Govr. Wentworth

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Govr. Wentworth dated / Camp at Crown Point 13 Augt. / 1759 / On the same Subject, and to the same / purport as to the Govr. of the Massachusetts / Bay of this date; with the Additional / Recommendation of Causing the Road / from No. 4, to be compleat-ed by the / Inhabitants of Newhampshire quite / up to Pennycook.- / in Mr. Gy: Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / No. 53.

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C.O. 5: 56

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Portsmouth, Sepr. 8th. 1759.

Sir,

I have the honour of Your Letter of the 13th Ulto. which affords me the highest Satisfaction, as the Measures You have taken to Open Communica:-tions from the Conquests You have made over the Enemy, to the several Provinces, will not only be their great Security from future Irruptions of the Indians on our frontiers, but must necessarily be a means of Supplying the Forts and Garrisons under Your Command, more effectually than they could be in any other manner, more especially when the Posts You propose to make between Charlestown on Connecticut River, are fixed and Garrisoned.—

I am fully of Your Opinion, that the divid:-ing of Men into small Partys, weakens the Whole Body, & it was always against my Opinion, that the Companys from this Province, intended for the protection of Connecticut River, should be posted at so many different places; I only Submitted to it, to give Content to the few Inhabitants there, to keep them in their several Garrisons, but since Your Excellency has made the Conquest of Crown Point, I think they are much safer without any Men, than they were before, in the manner they were posted.—

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All the Provinces of New England will be very safe from the depredations of the Indian Enemy, and therefore ought to contribute towards Garrison: =ing the Posts You Appoint on the Otter River: Though Newhampshire will be benefited the least, excepting the few Inhabitants on Connecticut River; All our Old Settled Towns are open to the St. Francis and other Indians in Confederacy with the French, and, unless Quebec falls into our hands, it must remain so, untill we can have Strong posts at a place called Coos on Connecti: =cut River, about Eighty Miles North of Charles: town or No. 4, and another on Pemigawasset River; from these places I have good passable Roads marked out to the North part of Pennycook, but I never could prevail on the Assembly to make Grants to defray the Expence of Clearing the Ways; Upon which I made a representation thereof to the Board of Trade, and their Lordships upon the Appointment of the Earl of Loudoun, gave him a Paragraph of my Letter on that Subject, and recommended the Consideration of that Matter to His Lordship on his Arrival in this Country, and although several Letters passed between him and me relative to it, yet finally nothing was done, and his being recalled put an entire Stop to the thing.--

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At the Instance of Lord Loudoun this Province was at the Expence of Sending to Fort Dummer and Charlestown, four Four Pounders, and two Six pounders, which were intended for the Garrison at Charlestown and Coos; the Cannon remain there now, and may be made use of as Your Excellency shall Judge most Conducive to the Public Safety.

The road You were pleased to mark out from Charlestown to Pennicook, I shall Acquaint the Assembly with on my Meeting them the 9th of October, and shall Urge the necessity of making proper Grants for that Service; It will be very pleasing to me if I succeed, as I have for ten Years last past, Used my utmost Endeavors to get these Roads Opened. I have received the Copy of the Cartel Concluded between Us and France, for which I return You thanks. I shall lose no time in transmitting to You the Resolve of the Assembly on Clearing the Roads.-

I am, with great Respect, / Sir
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient
Humble Servant.
B. Wentworth.

His Excellency General Amherst.

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Endorsed Copy. Letter from Governor / Wentworth to General Amherst. / Dated Portsmouth, 8th Sept.r 1759. / That all the Provinces of New England / ought to Contribute towards Garrisoning / such Posts as he should appoint on / the Otter River, tho' Newhampshire / will be benefited the least.— That he / should meet his Assembly on the / 9th. October, when he would Ac. = quaint / them with the General having mark'd / out a road to Ponnicook, and Urge to / them the necessity of making proper / Grants for that Service, and that it / will be very pleasing to him if he Succeeds.— / in M.r G.l Amherst's of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / N.o 54.

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Extract.

Camp at Brown Point 13th Augt 1759

Sir

Yesterday, I was favoured with Your very Obligeing Congratulary Letter, on the Important Succ: =cess of His Majestys Arms against the Enemys Fort at Tienderoga, not only in Your own Name, but in the Name of Your Province, with Your and their Joint Additional Prayers and good Wishes in my behalf, for Which I beg leave to Return you my most unfeigned Sincere thanks, and to Request of you, to tender the Same to the Province; and at the Same time to Assure them; from me, that I have nothing more at heart, than to Ensure to them, an uninterrupted and quiet possession of their propertys, to Which End I am, as I have already Informed You, Erecting Such a Strong hold, at this Important Post as shall most effectually Cover and Secure all this Country: Besides Which, I likewise Sent to explore Otter River, with a Design of Erecting Posts there, to Cover No. 4. and protect the Inhabitants that Might now come and Settle between that and the River; But from the Reports I have had, This River is nothing to Compare to the Ideas we had Conceived of it; and therefore I must Defer

my Intentions, until I have had the Whole Surveyed, Which I have directed Should be done.—

When these Posts are fixed upon and Established, I Shall give You, and the Govr. of Newhampshire Notice, that the Garrisons, Which you have Jointly furnished for No. 4, Fort Dummer. Canoe Meadow, Great Meadow &ca, may be removed from thence, and brought thither, Where, by their being Collected together, they must, of course, more effectually Cover and secure all that Country, than by being dispersed as they were; By removing those Garrisons, I do not mean that the two Identical Companies they were composed of, but an Equal Number of Officers and men, from Each of Your two Provinces, that were ordered there, because Those two Companies I have already ordered to Join their respective Regiments, as from My being here, there was no further Occasion for them at those places—

I have also, for these some days past, had a Number of people in the Woods, cutting a Road from this to No. 4, Which will be finished before this can reach you, Wherefore You may, if You think proper, make it known throughout Your Province, that those Who Shall be Inclined to follow the Army with Refreshments, agreable

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to the Encouragements I have given, may come by that road, which is not only so much Shorter, but equally safe and Secure with any Other.—

Jeff Amherst

Govr Pownall.

Endorsed Extract Letter from Genl Amherst / To Govr Pownall dated / Camp at Crown Point / 13th Augt 1759 / Thanks to him and the Province for their / Congratulations on the Success of His Majesty's / Arms; that to Improve the same he was / Erecting a Strong Fort at Crown point;— That / he had had the Otter River Explored; and / that when the Whole should be Surveyed, if / Posts were necessary to be Erected there, he / should Expect the Provinces of Massachusetts / Bay & Newhampshire would Garrison them, / in lieu of No. 4, Fort Dummer, &ca; That he / had People employed in Cutting a Road from / Crown Point to No. 4, and recommending it / to him to Encourage the People of his / Province to frequent it, rather than round / by Albany, as it was so much Shorter.— / in Mr. Gy. Amherst's of Octr 22d 1759. / No. 56.

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Extract.

Boston, August 18th 1759.

"As You are now going into the heart of Canada, far remote from this Place, the Op=portunities and means of Communication must grow daily less and less; I therefore Write this Letter in hopes to Catch You, before it is too late for an Answer to be back in time. I shall meet my Assembly the 19th of September, and I propose to Continue the Sessions part of October, as I am desirous that every thing in my de=partment should be done, which You desire to be done, or that can any way Serve, or promote the King's Affairs in Your hands; I trouble You with this previously to Concert such Measures as You shall think necessary. If You think of Sending any Troops here this next Winter, tho' I can Suppose, from the Nature of the Events likely to be determined this Campaign, that it is not very easy for You to Say what Numbers You shall Send, but if You can form any Judgment, I will do all in my power to prepare for their proper Reception; As the Castle Island Barracks, and the Houses at Point Shirley, both which Places You seem'd to Approve, would easily Accommodate 1500 or 1600 Men, the remaining

Number of Two Regiments might be very well in Town, and it occurs to me, that by letting such in turn be in Town as behave well & keep Sober, and the Confining at the Island such as could not restrain themselves, it might have a good Leading Effect towards learning them to live Sober in Town; however whatever and in whatever Shape You determine to be best, shall be done as far as is in my power. - It being as impossible to restrain the Vent of Rum as of the Air itself in Town - If You should think Barnbridge or any Other Place, more fitt for Barracks, I will endeavour to get such, if it be possible; - I dare say You will think it necessary I should get these Matters prepared before, and not leave them 'till it be too late, the laying in the Wood and other Necessaries will require immediate Attention.

There is another Point of great delicacy, and will require my Attention; You know the method of the Assembly in America (and what they cannot be brought out of) is to make only temporary Provision for their Troops, and to Limit the Levies to a certain time; Ours are Limitted to the 1st of November; There will be no difficulty in getting the time revived and prolonged as to the Troops with You; But as there was once in Mr. Shirley's

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time, a most Violent Flame in the Country, about Troops raised for the Reduction of Beau-Sejour, being kept in Nova Scotia beyond the time Limit-ted, so as to be detained all Winter in Garrison, when they were only raised for a Summer's Cam-paign; As there was once a Flame and Dis-concertion of Measures on this Account, One has great reason so far to be Apprehensive of the like again, as to Guard against it: If any diffaulty should Arise in this Affair, the Point in which they will Pinch will be here, Namely, in their fears and Jealousies that Our People will be kept there all Winter; If I can be able to give such Assurances that that will not be the Case, as shall Oversett the Pretences of Ill-de-signing Men Working on the Peoples Jealousies, I would make no doubt but that I should be able to Obtain their Lengthening out the Levy and making further Provision to such time as shall be convenient to You to relieve them.

Tho' these Matters should be indeed pre-viously Concerted, Yet when You think proper to Write to me on the Subject, there should appear no such previous Concert, and they should seem to Arise, as they do in fact, from the necessity of the Service, as the Reason why You apply

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for and require them.— Jealousy is One of the Grand Counter springs of this Country, and by avoiding any Appearances that should give Occasion to such, One gains a great point; I Speak this as to Myself only, and of my being able to Carry all such points for the Service of Your Administration as You shall think necessary."

T. Pownall.

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract./ Letter from/ Govr. Pownall to Genl. Amherst./ Dated Boston, 18th August 1759./ Informing him that he should meet his/ Assembly the 19th. of September, Wherefore/ he should be glad, previously to know/ whether the General should Quarter any/ Troops in his Province during the Winter,/ that he might move for a provision for/ their reception;— And that as the/ Massachusetts Forces were only raised/ to the 1st November, if the Circumstances/ of Affairs should prevent their getting/ home by that time, it would be necessary at/ that meeting to Apply for such further/ provision for those Troops as the General/ should think he might have Occasion for/ them after that Period —/ in Mr. G: Amherst's of Augt. 22d. 1759/ No. 59.

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Copy.

Camp at Crown Point 5th Augst 1759.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 29th Ultimo, requiring no Answer, I have only to thank You for it, and to Congratulate You on Our Possession of this Ground, which I took Yester Evening, the Enemy having abandonned it, & blown up part of the Fort, three days before; Indeed I should have been here two days sooner, had not an Excessive heavy 24 hours Rain retarded our Batteaus &ca from getting over the Carrying place, but now, no time shall be lost in building such a Fort, as from its Situation and Strength will most Effectually Cover the whole Country, and Ensure the peaceable & quiet possession of it on this Side; Wherefore You may, as soon as You please, advise and recommend it, to such of the Inhabitants of Your Province, as may have deserted their Settle: =ments, to Come and Reoccupy the Same, and also to Encourage all those that You shall think proper, to Come and Settle such parts of it as You shall please to Grant, and parcell out to them, as now they can have nothing to fear from the Incursions of the Enemy, which they may from henceforth safely look upon to be at an End, not

only on this Side, but likewise along the Mohawk River, which Sir Wm. Johnson's Success (of which You will eere this have had the Accounts) has also Ensured.—

As the Prisoners he has sent You are Numerous, I should think it would be the best way to Encamp them on Nutten Island & direct Mr. Tilby to Victuall them; but if You do not Approve of that, You will Send them to Long Island, or where You think most proper, (untill such time as an Opportunity Offers to Send them to England, which will be still better) in which case it will be necessary to Order Your Militia to take Charge of them, for from the Works and the Services carrying on in different parts, it is impossible to Spare any of the Troops for that purpose.— In mine of the 27th I mentioned 20 Deserters having come over to us, I have since sent them down to You, but I must Observe that two of them only are Deserters, the rest are People that were left by the Enemy in their hurry at going off, and therefore I cannot look upon them in any other light than Prisoners of War, and You will treat them accordingly.

I Am Sending off Capt. Prescott with my Dispatches for England, & am in hopes he will find

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Morris arrived at New York, but if he does not, or that Morris could not get ready in time to Return, he has my Orders to hire some Small Vessell to Carry him over, in which I beg You will give him all the Assistance in Your power, that he may get away without any delay.

I am,

&c.ca

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey-

Endorsed Copy- Letter from General Amherst / to Lt. Govr. De Lancey- / Dated Camp at Crown Point, 5th Augst 1759. / Notifying to him his having taken possession / of Crown Point, by the Evacuation of which / and the Reduction of Niagara, the Inhabitants / of the Hudsons & Mohawk Rivers might / come and reoccupy their Abandonned / Settlements; and recom: =mending it to the / Govr. to Invite them thereto; / advising him, / at the same time, to Encamp the Prisoners / on Nutten Island, until they could be sent to England - / in Mr. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / No. 62.

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Extract.

Camp at Crown Point 13th Augst 1759.

"By Mine of the 5th, You will have Seen, that in order to Your disposing of the large Number of Prisoners then coming from Niagara, with sufficient security in the Province of New York, I proposed, that they should be Encamp: =ed on Nutten Island, untill such time as an Opportunity offered to Send them to England; And by the private One I had the pleasure of Writing to You on the 8th I Informed You, that I had made Application to Admt. Saunders, for Transports sufficient, with a Convoy, to take them away; Which Application I sent, by Officers, two different ways, and I make no doubt but will be Complied with, and that I shall receive the Answer eere long; Wherefore I should not Chuse that these Prisoners were dispersed, or sent to any of the other Colonies, as it would neces: =sarily take up some time to Collect them, & delay the Transports that will Come for them; I therefore again repeat, that, unless You had rather have them on Long Island, I think they will be better, & very Secure on Nutten Is: =land, where, by depriving them of Boats, & for: =bidding all those who can have no concern

with them from going thither, it will not be possible for them to make their Escape; And, as I mention'd to You in my former Letter, You will please to direct Mr. Tilley to Victual them: If they should want any thing Else, and that You think it absolutely necessary, a Commissary should be Appointed to take Charge of them, You will Appoint whoever You shall think equal to the trust:

I Approve much, of Your giving Certificates to such of them as shall not prove to be French men, and that are Protestants, in order to their Seeking their Livelyhood, by their own Labor, in the lower parts of Your Province, Jersey & Connecticut, as I am Confident it must be of Infinite advantage to the Country (which certainly wants Laborers) as well as a Saving of their Provisions to the Crown; But I must at the same time recommend it to You, that in the Certificates You shall so grant, You must Enjoin the Justices of Peace, of the District where these People may be sent to, to have a Strict Eye to their Conduct, & carefully Watch, that they do not pass the Limits Allotted them to reside in, without a proper Pass from such Justices of Peace or Other proper Magistrate; And that whenever any of them

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do pass such Limits, without the proper Pass, the Justice or Magistrate within whose District or Juris:=diction he shall have been permitted to reside & seek his Livelyhood may immediately Report him to You; that proper Care may be taken, & Endeavors used to prevent his Escape with any Intelligence to the Enemy; besides, this will likewise be a means of Enabling You to Account for them, if ever Called upon.

Tho' I look upon all those that were sent You from Tienderoga, except two, to be Prisoners likewise, yet You may Allow them the same Ad:=vantages as the Others, provided they are Protest:=ants, and not French.

I sent to Esplore the Otter River, in order to See where Posts might be Established to Com:=mand it, in order to Cover No. 4, and protect the Inhabitants that might now Come to Settle between that and the River, which Posts would render that at No. 4, and all those behind it, entirely Useless; but the Report I have of it, is so widely different from what We have all along taken it to be, that I must now lay aside that thought untill I have had the Whole Surveyed, which I shall direct to be done."

Honble Lt Govr De Lancey. Jeff: Amherst.

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Camp of Brown Point August 28th. 1759.-

Dear Sir

I am to own the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instant, Which came to hand on the 26th & Deserves my Sincere thanks.—

I Approve entirely of the Manner You have disposed of the French Prisoners, as they are divided they can be but a little burthen any Where; I Should have been glad to have taken that burthen entirely off, and therefore proposed keeping them together to get them away the Sooner, but as that scheme cannot take place for the present, for the reasons I have given You, it is certainly better to have them Separated; A good Eye must be kept over them Wherever they are, they are so much Addicted to running away it is difficult to keep them any Where;— A Lieutennant, a Commissary a Ser:=jeant and two private men taken near Fort Edward, prove to have deserted from the Mohawk River, the fault of the Guard over them; I have ordered the Lieut: Vca to be close confined and last Night I hear four more are taken near Fort Edward, Whom I Conclude must be Deserters likewise.—

I have not as yet a Word from Mr. Wolfe; I Expect Some of my partys in daily, those that have Returned know very little to the purpose, but I certainly Shall Soon have some better Information.

The Otter River has been Explored from the first Falls to the Mouth on the Lake, and there are Eight falls instead of Three, and there would be more difficultys Attending the Navigation of that River than perhaps of any known River in America; What an Ignorance many people have been in about this River?

The Saw Mill at Tienderoga has begun to work the Repairs of that Fort will be soon finished; All the Works at this Fortress are go=ing on well; You may be Assured the men are not Idle for they know it is all to be finished before Winter Quarters, and I hope before that time We Shall take another Frontier, I am with great truth and regard

Dear Sir &ca

Jeff: Amherst

Honble Lt. Govr De Lancey

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Lieut: Govr De Lancey Dated / Camp at Crown

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Point 28th Augt. / 1759 / Approving of his Dis-
=posal of the French / Prisoners, and repeating
the Necessity there / was of keeping a Watchfull
Eye over them, / Some having already made
their Escape, / but been retaken.. / in Mr. G.
Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / Nº. 68.

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Camp at Crown Point, 7th September 1759.

Dear Sir,

Tho' I have little or nothing to trouble You with at present, Yet I cannot let the Post go away without Acknowledging the Receipt of Your favor of the 30th Ultimo, and thanking You for Your kind promise of, notwithstanding some fears and apprehensions of the Council, sending me what Cannon can be Spared.

In my last I mentioned to You three Prisoners that had been brought in from L'Isle aux Noix; I sent them down Yesterday to Lieut. Coventry at Albany, directing him that, as they were Germans, and shewed a great repugnance to ever being sent back to the French, he might, if he had any Employment for them, Let them Work for their Livelyhood, if not, that he should send them to New York, in that case You will be so good as to dispose of them as You see best, either in giving them Certificates, or sending them among their fellow Prisoners.

I Have drawn up Instructions for Capt. Wheelock, who is the Person I have made Choice of to provide the Prisoners with Money, &ca; He

is to set out this day, in order to Wait upon You with them, and to reimburse You the Money You have advanced those Prisoners; And I must beg the favour of You to Assist him with Your Advice, and to grant him such Information & Assistance as he may stand in need of in the Execution of his Office, which shall be gratefully Acknowledged by, Dear Sir,

Yr. Co.

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from General Amherst / to Lt. Govr. De Lancey. / Dated Camp at Crown Point, 7th Sepr. 1759. / Thanking him for the promise of the Guns; / and Acquainting him that Capt. Wheel. =ock / is the Person appointed to take Care of the / Prisoners, agreable to Instructions given / him for that purpose, which he is directed / to lay before the Governor, & to Reimburse / him what he had Advanced as per his / Letter of the 30th August. / in Mr. Gy: Amherst of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 70.

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Camp at Crown Point 11th Septem.r 1759.

Dear Sir,

In my Letter of the 5th Ultimo, Ac=
=quainting You of my having taken possession of this Ground I likewise mentioned, that I Should build such a Fortress on it, as should most Effectually Cover and secure the Whole Country along the Hudson's River down to Albany, under the protection of Which, Such of the In=habitants of Your Province as had Deserted their settlements within that Communication, or any others, to Whom You Should think proper to Grant & parcell out any Land within the Same, might Come & Occuppy them, and be Ensured of the peaceable and quiet possession thereof -

And as that Fortress is already in such forwardness, and Shall, I am Determined be so far finished, before the Troops go into Winter Quarters, as most effectually to Answer the above purpose; I again, with Pleasure, repeat this Information, that the Province of New York may have the Earliest notice & certainty of their present security, and that they may immediately Reap and Improve the Advantages Which it Offers them: As a further Encouragment to Which

tho' I do not suppose any other is necessary, You may Acquaint them that those Who with Your leave, Shall now choose to Come & Settle between Lake George & Fort Edward, will there find three Several Spots of Cleared Ground, two of them Capable of Containing half a Dozen families Each and the other not less than a Dozen, On Which Shall be left standing for their Conveni: =ence The Wooden Huts & Coverings of the Troops that have been Posted there Since the beginning of the Campaign, for the Security of the Com: =munication Which from the footing we have here, being no longer Necessary, may now be Evacuated;— The Coverings I ordered to be made with the intention of keeping Garrisons in those Posts during the Winter, So that they will be very Comfortable for any settlers that may Come there, and the Posts are Picketted in by Which they will be Confident of their Security tho' there is now no longer any Danger of Partys of the Enemy breaking in there; The first is situated three Miles from Lake George; the next at Halfway Brook; and the other four miles on this Side Fort Edward; The soil good and Capable of Improvement; and all three well watered.— Halfway Brook is that Which will

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Contain a Dozen families; and if You should Send up any People to possess these Places, they shall be delivered up to them directly.—

I must not omit thanking You for Your favor of the 3d. nor for the dispatch with which I see the Cannon were getting on board the Sloops.— The French Letters Enclosed in Yours, with those You Sent me before are forwarded by a Flag of truce that came in Yesterday. I think for no other end than to try to see What We are about and to Send Letters for their Prisons Officers; Monsieur Montcalm's Letter is not dated, but I find the flag of Truce did not set out from Quebec before the 30th by Which the Place I Suppose, must still be in possession of the Enemy at that time; I forward You the Letters to the Prisoners Which You will be So Good to Deliver to Capt. Wheelock after You have perused them

I am, with great Truth & regard,
Dear Sir
&ca

Honble Lt. Govr. De Lancey

Endorsed

Extract,

Camp at Brown Point 14th Sept. 1759.

Your Disposal of the french officers, the Limits You have Assigned them, & the judicious Orders You have Given, against their Extending beyond those Bounds, will I Dare trust prevent their Attempting an Escape, especially as I See You have taken all their Paroles — Before this Reaches You, You will have seen the Method I have fallen upon to ease You of any further trouble on their Account, by Sending Captain Wheelock to take it off Your hands. —

I am very much oblidged to You for the Cannon &c mentioned in the list Enclosed in Yours, At the same time that I Received it, I had an Acct from Capt. Lieut: Glegg of their be-ing Arrived at Albany; You may Depend that I shall not fail of renewing my Applications to the board of Ordnance for a new Supply, and that I Shall not omit Your Ready Compliance with my request

I Say nothing further at this time in relation to the making provision for the Troops of the Province of New York for a month longer, As I wait for Your opinion thereupon, Which You promise me by the next Post. —

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I thank You for Your Congratulations on the Arrival of a New Supply of Cash, it came very opportunely, for the One Hundred & fifty Thousand Pounds are very near Exchausted; this Supply is not quite so large as You mention be:=ing only One Hundred & thirty Seven thousand three hundred Pounds Sterling Notwithstanding of Which as Your Demand of Forty thousand Pounds is so reasonable, I do by this Post Direct Mr. Mortier to let You have that sum.—

Jeff: Amherst

Lt. Govr. De Lancey

Endorsed Extract Letter from / General Amherst To / Lt. Governor De Lancey dated / Camp at Crown Point 14th Sepr. / 1759 / Approving his disposal of the French / Prisoners, the Limits assigned them, & the / Orders given to prevent their Extending / beyond them; thanking him for the / Cannon, &ca, and Assuring him that he / shall not Omit his (the Govrs) ready / Compliance with his request on that / head; - And Acquainting him that he had / given Orders to the Dep: Paymr General / to pay him the Forty Thousand Pounds / he desired might be Spared out of the / Supply come in the Garland. - / in Mr: G: Amherst's of Octr: 22d 1759 / No. 72.

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Camp at Crown Point 18th: Sept.r 1759.

Dear Sir

I am very Sorry to learn by Your favor of the 9th Instant that from the Enquiry You have made as to the Disposition of the Assembly concerning making further provision for the Regt in the pay of the province for one month longer, You find an Application to them on that head, will have no Effect, by reason that Great Numbers of the men Sickened & died by the Severities they underwent in the month of Novemr last; Besides as the Troops of Your Province, are some at Niagara, some at Oswego, and in the Posts in that Quarter, if they do not leave them be-=fore the 1st of Novemr, it will scarce be possible for them to Reach Albany before the River is Shut up which will add to their hardships: Upon Which Considerations You are advised, that it would be Imprud.t to call the Assembly upon this point as it would Undoubtedly be Refused.—

In Answer to all Which, I must beg Leave to observe, that there is nothing I would not do, consist.t with the service to prevent any of His Majesty's American Forces as well as his Regular troops, from undergoing any Unavoidable hardships,

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but that if there are any, Which indeed cannot well be otherwise thro' the severity of the Climate, they Ought to be in common to all; Upon this principle, and foreseeing that it was more than probable that such of the Provincial Forces as are by their Legis: =latures provided for only to the 1st of Novr. cannot be Discharged soon enough to be at their respective homes by that time, without quitting the Essential Works they are Employed in, & overturn'd the mea: =sures I have taken to Ensure the Advantages of this Campaign, by putting it out of the Enemy's power of regaining any of their late losses; Upon these principles I say and for the above Reasons, I made a General & timely Application to such of the Provinces & Colonies, as have Stipulated the Re: =turn of their Troops to the 1st of Novr., Which are besides Yours, Newhampshire, Massachusetts Bay & the Jerseys; from the first I cannot as Yet have any Answer but When I Do Receive it, I Dare say it will Coincide with those of the two Latter, Who Sensible of the Necessity of this Measure, make no Doubt of their Assemblies agreeing to the further provision demanded, but how far they may alter in Opinion When they hear that the Province of New York who is so immediately & more Essentially Con: =cerned in the perfecting the present works, Declines

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furnishing the Necessary aid, I will not venture to say, but I cannot help thinking that it may be Attended with a like Refusal in Which case the Enemy may & Doubtless will, so soon as their hands are at Liberty, use all their Endeavours to repossess themselves of their late strongholds, and with What Success if there are no respectable forts to oppose them, I leave Yourself to Judge; Let me therefore once more Recommend it to You in the most Serious manner, Notwithstanding all the Diffi:=cultys and oppositions You may meet with, to move, & use all Your influence with Your Assembly to make them Consent to a provision so necessary for their own security; and let me hope that they have the Interest of their Country & the safety of their fellow Citizens too much at heart not to Contribute towards it with all their might.—

After all the precautions You have taken to prevent the Escape of the french Prisoners, nothing more can be done, than to punish those Who Shall be Daring enough to Attempt it & that are Caught, with Death.

Jeff: Amherst

Honble Lt. Govr De Lancey.—

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Camp at Crown Point 25th Sepr 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Received three days since the favor of Your Letter of the 17th Inst; It gives me great pleasure to find that many of the Inhabitants are returned to their settlements, and are Cultivat=ing their Ground the fruits of Which they may reap, & I hope will Enjoy without any further Molestation from the Enemy.

I wish I could say as much for the Settlers on the North side of the Mohawk River, but as my Intentions have not Succeeded in taking post at La Galette, and that it is now too late in the Season to remedy it, I can do no more than Strengthen the Posts & Garrisons on the Mohawk River, as well as the Posts between Fort Stanwix & Oswego, with those two Important places Inclusively, and make a Communication by land on the South side of the River, and of the Oneida Lake to Oswego; this will I hope effectually Secure a quiet pos=session to the Inhabitants on the South side of the River, and a route for forwarding provisions to the Garrisons When the Conveyance by Water may fail. The Inhabitants on the North side will

Yet be subject to the Incursions of the Enemy, and nothing but our possession of a Post near La Galette can hinder it; I am very Sorry the Attempt has failed, I shall probably never have so good an Opportunity of taking post there, tho' When I do Attempt it again I Intend it shall succeed

I have Acquainted M. Genl. Lyman of Your Offer to any of the Connecticutt people, Who would like to Settle at Halfway brook, and the two Posts neat to it; he doubts not but Some will gladly Accept it so soon as they See Your Proclamation.

As our new Acquired Posts will take up many men to Garrison them, and that the Number of Regiments on this part of the Continent will be less than they were last Winter, I Should be Glad You would let me Know What Numbers will be most agreable to You to have at New York, Long Island or any other places within the New York Government, as I would Distribute them to Your wishes, as far as His Majesty's Service would permit me.

I have no News from M: General Wolfe & Nothing material has happened here worth Acquainting You of; Major Rogers is out chiefly intended to hinder the Enemy from sending anything towards La Galette till our fleet

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can make their Appearance.

I am with great truth & Regard

Dear Sir &ca

Jeff: Amherst

Honble Lieut: Govr De Lancey

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl Amherst / To Lieut: Govr De Lancey Dated / Camp at Crown Point 25th Sepr 1759 - / In Answer to the Gov^rs. of the 14th Septem^r. / That he is glad the Inhabitants are / returned; that had his Intentions of taking / Post at La Galette succeeded, the Settlers on the / North Side the Mohawk River might have / done so too; that he would strengthen the / Posts on the Mohawk River, and those between / Fort Stanwix & Oswego as well as those two / Important places, which he hoped would / Effectually Secure a quiet possession to the / Inhabitants on the South Side the River. - / That he had Acquainted Genl Lyman of his / Offer to any of the Connecticut people that / would come & Settle the three parcells of / Land between Lake George & Fort Edward; / And that he should be glad to know what / Numbers would be most agreable to him / (the Lt. Govr.) to have in the Winter at New / York, Long Island, or any Other places / within that Government. - / in M: G: Amherst's of Octr. 22^d. 1759 / No. 74.

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Extract

Camp at Brown Point 28th Sept. 1759.

Dear Sir

I am to Acknowledge the receipt of Your favor of the 20th, by Which I find You are Convinced the Assembly will not Come into a Law to Continue the Regiment beyond the 1st of Novr; but at the Same time, in case any part of it, Should not be able to get to their Homes then, You think they will be prevailed on to make provision for their pay, till they reach their respective Counties; Which You think will Answer the purpose.— I Join in opinion with You, for by my Asking a Months further provision for them, I had nothing more in View than to Encourage them to put a finishing hand, to the Essential Works Carrying on, Which I foresee, cannot be in the State they ought to be for the Security of the Country, by the time they are raised for, and without Such Encouragement it would be Difficult to make them Join in those good ends, the Contrary of Which You are too sensible of, for me to need repeat the Consequences; I Shall therefore only add, What I have already told You, that I should be Sorry to Expose them to any unavoidable hardships, and

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that I shall not keep them a Moment longer than the above mentioned Services absolutely Require; As to the Impracticability of the Onondago River in the latter end of October, that is provided against by the Communication Which I mentioned to You in my last, I had ordered to be opened by Land.—

I am very Glad, that the order on Mr. Mortier for forty Thousand Pounds, will give pleasure to the Gentlemen Who were so good as to promote the bill for the Loan, Which You may Assure them from me shall be punctually repaid within the time limitted—

Jeff: Amherst

Honble Lieut: Govr De Lancey

Endorsed Extract/ Letter from Genl Amherst/ To Lieut: Govr De Lancey Dated/ Camp at Crown Point 28th Sepr 1759/ In Answer to the Gov^rs of the 20th Septem^r/ That if the Assembly can be prevailed on/ to make provision for the Pay of their/ Men till they reach their respec:=tive Counties/ that will do equally well/ as he had no:=thing/ more in view by his former demand than/ to procure an Encouragement for the/ Men to join chear:=fully in the present/ Essential Works carrying on—/ in M: G: Amherst's of Octr 22^d 1759/ N° 75.

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Camp at Crown Point, 2d. October 1759.

Dear Sir,

As by Your favor of the 20th Ultimo, You seemed Convinced the Assembly would not come into a Law to Continue the Regiment beyond the 1st. of November, but, at the same time, You thought they could be prevailed on to make provision for their Pay 'till they reach their respective Counties, which was all I had in View, I accordingly, in mine by the last Post, Joined in Opinion with You that, that would Answer the same purpose; And thereupon, I had, within Myself, laid aside all thoughts of Your Summoning the Assembly upon that Subject; however as I See, by Your favor of the 24th that You have, by advice of Council, Ordered Circular Letters to be sent to the Members of the Assembly to Call them together the 16th. October, And that You are so good as to promise, to Use any Influence You can have to Induce them to Come into my Proposal, I cannot defer returning You my thanks for Your Concurrence with my Request, nor, from that Influence, do less than trust it will be attended with a favorable Issue, which I am the more Anxious for, as the Contrary might prove very prejudicial

to the Common Cause.—

It is a secret Satisfaction to me that You have discovered some of the Gentlemen that have been Concerned in an Illicit Exportation of Provisions, and I sincerely hope they will be apprehended, and meet with the Punishment they deserve.—

Capt. Wheelock, by whose Instructions You will have seen, he is directed to Pay the Subsistence of the French Prisoners to some Officer on the Spot where they are, in order to take his Receipt for the Same, having Informed me that there are several Places where there are no Officers, I must beg the favor of You, upon his Application, to be so good as to remove One of them, to Each of the Places where there are any Prisoners without Officers, in Order that he may Abide by his Instructions, and be Enabled to Obtain the proper Vouchers required by the Cartel, for the reimbursement of the Moneys advanced by the Crown towards the Maintenance of those Prisoners.

I am, with great Truth & Regard,

Sr &c.

Jeff: Amherst.

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey.

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Extract.

New York 6th August 1759.

I Find there is a large Number of Prisoners coming from Niagara, more than I can dispose of in this Province, with sufficient Security, I would therefore desire that many of them be Sent to Jersey & Connecticut; There are Barracks in Jersey in or near large Towns, where they may be better taken care of and Secured than in the Scatter'd Country Towns of this Province; It seems to me it would not be improper to have a Commissary to take the Charge of them as their Number is so great.

There are among the Prisoners, many who are not French men; What think You, to let them have a Certificate, to Seek their Livelyhood, by their own Labor in the lower parts of this Province, Jer:=sey, & Connecticut, upon their taking the Oath of Allegiance, especially those who are Protestants? The Country wants Laborers, and I think they will not desire to go back to Canada; this will be a Saving of their Provisions to the Crown.

James De Lancey.

His Excell.y General Amherst.

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Extract.

New York, 20th August 1759.-

I shall now Acquaint Your Excellency how I have disposed of the French Prisoners sent hither, which though not agreable to Your directions, will yet I hope Answer the purpose; Two hundred are gone to the Care of Govr. Bernard of New Jersey; Two Hundred to Governor Fitch of Connecticut; One Hundred are Ordered to the Towns of Flushing, Hempstead & Oysterbay, to the Care of the Justices, with directions to place them out among the Inhabitants, and in case they misbehave or Absent themselves, to be sent to Goal; The rest are in the Barracks of this City, and the wounded in the Hospital, those in the Barracks are to be placed out in this City and County, by Permit from One of the Magistrates, taking a Receipt for them, & a promise for their forthcoming; The Twenty two sent from Tieonderoga are placed in Newtown; I have placed none of these in Suffolk County, because that County has already a considerable Number of last Years Prisoners, and I intend those taken at the defeat at Niagara, for that County.

The Captains Pouchot, Vilar, and Serres, and the Lieut. Salviniack, Morandert & Boninfous,

who chose to have no Connections with the Canadians, are sent to Jamaica; I directed Lieut. Brown to take their Paroles in Writing to behave as Prisoners of War, and not to go out of the Limits of the Town. Joncaire, La Milliere & Chalcart are to go to Brook-haven in Suffolk County, as soon as I can get an Opportunity; I Shall give Orders to keep a Strict Eye on these; La Roche, Comoyeuse, & La Morandier, I think to send to New Rochelle, they are now at Mrs. Joncours' on their Parole not to Stir out without my leave.

In this manner are the Prisoners disposed of, and I believe few, if any, will get away, and I think in the present Situation few would desire it; I could not Encamp them on Nutten Island, as I had no Tents nor Camp Necessaries for them.

I Have had a Proposal made to me of a Ship to Carry 400 Prisoners to England at £4. a head, the Crown finding Provisions; This, from Your Excellency's late Letters, is to be dropt.

James De Lancey

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from/ Lt. Govr. De Lancey to Genl. Amherst./ Dated New York 20th August 1759./ Acquainting him how he had disposed / of the French Prisoners./ in Mr. Ly: Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759/ No. 79.

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Extract.

New York, 24th August 1759.

"I Have already Spoke to Mr. Kennedy the Collector, and Informed him, that I had just cause to think, that Quantities of Flour were clandestinely Exported to foreign Markets, particularly to Monte Christi, thence to Supply the French, and told him, that I insisted on his privately inquiring into it, and putting the Laws strictly in Execution against all such as should Offend."

James De Lancey.

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Lieut. Govr. / De Lancey to General Amherst. / Dated New York, 24th Augst 1759. / That he had given Orders for strictly / putting into Execution the Laws against / Clandestine Exportation of Flour. / in M: G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 80.

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Extract.

New York, 27th. August 1759.

"The Officers defeated and taken at Niagara are to go off this day to Suffolk County; I Wish they may be safe there; I have let every Captain have Fifty Dollars for their present Subsistence, and that of their Subalterns; I beg You will Inform me, what they are to be Allowed, & how they are to be furnished with Money, when this is Expend:=ed, which cannot last them long, especially the last, who were Stripped of Every thing.

"I could Wish these Canadian Officers, be:=ing great Partisans and Chief Leaders of the Indians, were Secured in some safe Place in the Massachusetts Governmt: That there might be no possibility of their getting back into their own Country at Least during this War".

James De Lancey-

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Lt. Govr. / De Lancey to General Amherst. / Dated New York, 27th. Augst. 1759 / Relative to the French Prisoners, and of his / having advanced Each Captain Fifty Dollars / for present Subsistence of themselves and / Subalterns / in Mr: G: Amherst's of Ctr. 22d. 1759 / No. 81.

Extract./

New York 6th. Sepr. 1759.

"Last Night I received Your Excellency's of the 30th past, and on Monday, too late for the Post, Yours of ye 28th.—

"The French Officers taken Prisoners at Niagara, I have disposed of in the following manner, Capt. Pouchot, and those from France, at Jamaica, with the Liberty of the Town; La Roche and two Lieut.s at Newtown; Joncaire, his Brother and Son in Law with some Commissaries at Brookhaven; Repentini and Marin with some others at South: =ampton; Villiers and two Lieut.s at South hold; Montigny, two Lieut.s and his Servant on Shelter Island; Aubry and two Others who came from Mississippi at Westchester, with Orders to the Jus: =tices, in case any of them Attempt an Escape, to make a Vigorous pursuit after them, and im: =mediately Inform me thereof; They have all given their paroles in Writing not to go out of the Limits I have Assigned them, which is for the Canadians, but One half Mile from their Lodgings, unless in the Company of a Justice of the Peace. Lieut. Brown who went with the Prison: =ers to the East End of Long Island, is not yet returned: I am very Apprehensive some of these

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Canadians, notwithstanding their paroles, may make their Escape, as they are so well Acquainted with the Country, and Woods, Swamps & Mountains are so familiar to them: I have taken care that they should be Informed, that the Lieut. who Attempted an Escape is Secured.

This Rousseau mentioned by Capt. Martin, de=sired by Mr. Lewis, my leave to go and live in Jer=sey near Colonel Schuyler's, which I granted, as he had a Certificate from Capt. Martin of his good Behavior to the English Prisoners in Canada.

"I Have heard much discourse of the Otter River from the People of New England, but never could meet with any Body that could give a Satisfactory Account of it; Your Excellency has had it Explored, and it is now known what it is.

"I Send You a Copy of the List of Cannon &c^a, deliver'd to Capt. Lt Lylegg; These with what have before been drawn from this Town, have very much thinned our Batteries; I must therefore beg, that Your Excellency will renew Your Applications to the Board of Ordnance for a New Supply for Us; You have all the 18^lb. Shot, though not 200 Rounds.

"I Shall Consider what can be done as to making Provision for the Troops of this Province for a Month longer; I am apprehensive the Assembly

will not incline to come into it from the hard:
=ships the Men suffered last Year, by the Severity
of the Season; I shall be able after some Enq:
=quiry to Write You my Opinion by the next
Post; I Congratulate You on the New Supply by
the Garland Man of War, of upwards of £140,000
Sterl g. I Will Suppose Your Excellency can Spare
us the small excess above the £100,000."

James We Lancey.

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract Letter from Lt. Govr. / We Lancey
to General Amherst / Dated New York 6th Sepr. 1759 /
Further disposition made of the French / Officers, Limits
Assigned them, and Orders given to prevent their Es:
=capes.— Enclosing / a List of the Cannon, &ca, sent by
Capt. / Lieut. Glegg, which, together with those / before
drawn from the Town, had much / thinned their
Batteries, and therefore / begging the General would
Apply to the / Board of Ordnance for a new Supply for /
the Province.— That he would Consider what / could be
done in regard to further Provision / for their Troops, but
that he was apprehensive / the Assembly will not incline
to come into it; / And begging the General would Spare them /
Forty Thousand pounds out of the Supply Arrived in
the Garland. / in Mr. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / Nº. 64.

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Office of Ordnce New York 4th Sept. 1759.

Received of Mr. Blundell Storekeeper at Fort George, by Order of the Honble James De Lancey Esqr. Lieut. Govr. of His Majesty's Province of New York the Iron Ordnance and Stores under mentioned, being in Consequence of an Application to him for the same, by His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, Viz.t

		No.
Iron Ordnce Mounted on Garrison Carriages Compleat with Beds, Coins, Tompkins & Aprons of Lead	18 pdrs	12
	12 pdrs	8
Round Shott	18 pdrs	1472
	12 pdrs	1600
Spunges with Rammer heads	18 pdrs	12
	12 pdrs	8
Copper Laddles with Staves	18 pdrs	6
	12 pdrs	4
Wadhooks	18 pdrs	12
	12 pdrs	8
Empty Paper Cartridges	18 pdrs	600
	12 pdrs	600
Wadds made up	18 pdrs	600
	12 pdrs	600

Extract

New York, 9th September 1759.

"I Have made some Enquiry as to the Dispositions of the Assembly concerning making fur: =ther provision for the Regiment in the Pay of this Province for one Month longer, and by what I can find, an Application to them on that head will have no Effect; For the very reason which Induced them to make provision this Year no farther than the first of November (though the last Year they had done it to the first of De: =cember) was, that great Numbers of the Men Sickened and died by the Severities they Under: =went in the Month of November; besides, as the Troops of this Province are, some at Niagara, some at Oswego, and in the Posts in that Quarter, if they do not leave them before the first of November, it will scarce be possible for them to reach Albany before the River is shut up, which will add to their hardships: Upon these Considerations I am advised, that it would be Imprudent to Call the Assembly upon this Point, as it would undoubtedly be refused."

September 10th.

"This Morning I had Your Excellency's fa: =vor of the 4th Instant; I shall again repeat my

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directions to the Collector to prevent the Clandestine Exportation of Provisions, and shall do it in Writing to See what Effect that may have on the Officers of the Customs.

As to the French Officers Escaping, my Apprehensions Arise from some of the Canadian Officers having been bred almost like Coureurs de Bois, and having lived much among the Indians, so that the Woods, Swamps, and Mountains through: :out the Country are familiar to them.—

Whenever Your Excellency shall Appoint a Person to have the Management of them, I shall Lend him any Assistance I Can.—

I Wish I Could withhold or Regulate the Liberties of the Press, in Communicating to the Public, Measures which ought to be Concealed; however, as there is more of falsity than truth in what is published, I do not Suppose, if they should Come into the Enemys hands, that great Stress will be laid on them.—

James De Lancey

His Excell.y General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract / Letter from / L.t Gov.r De Lancey to Genl. Amherst / Dated New York 9.th & 10.th Sep.r

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Extract

New York 14th Septem.r 1759.

Dear Sir,

I Received Your favor of the 11th Inst. last Night with the Letters for the French Of=ficers Which I Shall deliver to Capt. Wheelock When he Comes to New. York.—

With respect to the Inhabitants Who have abandoned their Settlements, I hear most of them are returned & Cultivating them; Where they think themselves safe; but I Apprehend they will not be so, on the North side of the Mohawk's River till the Indians & French are dislodged from Oswe=gatchie & La Galette Which I hope will be Soon Effected. With Regard to the three parcels of Land between Fort Edward & Lake George, I shall give all the Countenance I can to such families as will undertake to Settle them in the form of Town=ships, and for both purposes, as well to Encourage the Inhabitants to return to their Settlements, as others to make new ones, I shall very Soon Issue a Proclamation.—

Connecticut is full of Inhabitants and as their Troops have Accompanied You and are well Acquainted with the Lands You mention, if Your Excellency will Compliment Some of the

Soldiers with these Lands Nothing Shall be want:
=ing on my part to have them Granted to Such
Persons as you Shall be pleased to name.

James De Lancey

His Excellency
General Amherst

Endorsed Extract / Letter from Lieut: / Governor
De Lancey To / General Amherst Dated / New York
17th Sept.r 1759 / Acquainting him that he hears
most of / the Inhabitants who had abandoned / their
Settlements, are returned and / Cultivating them; that
with regard of / the three parcells of Land between Lake/
George and Fort Edward, he would give all the Encou:
=Enance he could to their being / Settled, and would
very soon Issue a / Proclamation to Encourage the
Inhabitants / to return to their Settlements, and Others
to / make New Ones; Advising the General / at the
same time, to Offer the above three / parcells to
some of the Connecticut Troops.— / in M:G: Amherst's
of Oct.r 22.d 1759 / No. 87.

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Amboy, Sept.r 20th. 1759.

Sir,

I Acknowledged the Receipt of Yours the day I received it: Since which I have had a Council, who were of Opinion that it would not be necessary to call the Assembly for the purpose of Continuing the Pay only; This appears more evident from the Act of Assembly, in which there is a Clause Enabling the Paymaster to allow a fortnight after the Campaign is over, for their Transportation to New Jersey, to receive their last Month's pay at Perth Amboy, so that there is Provision already made to the 15th. of Novem.r, and as there must be a Month's pay kept in Arrear to Engage them to return home, there will be nothing to be done but to Assure them that they will be paid to the day of their Return, of which there is not the least doubt, as the Assembly Act with much Honour and generosity in regard to the Troops in their Service.

The reason why I am desirous to avoid calling the Assembly now is, that I propose to have them Sitting at the End of the Campaign, that they may be ready to receive such Proposals, if Any, that I shall have occasion to make to

them for the further prosecution of the War; For if it is probable that the Provinces will be ball:=ed upon for their Complement next Spring, I shall Endeavor to Engage the Assembly to keep in their Pay as many of the Regiment as will re-enlist for next Campaign; This I could not Attempt last Year, and Expect to meet with dif:=ficulty in it now. In forming a Scheme for that purpose I shall want to know whether such Men will be entitled to the King's Provisions dur:=ing the Winter; for that will Contribute a good deal to the making the thing feasible.

As I shall govern Myself as to the Ball:=ing the Assembly, by the duration of the Cam:=paign, I shall be glad to know, at Your own time, what will be the probable time of the Operations of the Year being finished: And at that time I will have the Assembly ready to Consider what they can do, or what will be Exe:=pected of them.

Still wishing for Your further Success, — I am, with great Regard, / Sir,

Your most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant.

Fra: Bernard

His Excell.y General Amherst.

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Camp at Brown Point 2d Octr 1759.

Sir

As I have the Satisfaction to learn, by Your favor of the 20th Ultimo, that it is not Neces:=sary to Call the Assembly for the purpose of con:=tinuing the pay only, by reason that provision is already made for the men to the 15th Novr and that nothing remains to be done but to Assure them that they will be paid to the day of their Return, of Which You say there is not the least Doubt; and as this fully Answers the ends for Which I Desired the Assembly might be Called together, I have at present no Motives to Induce me to request their Sitting before You Shall find it most for the good of the Service; and as You propose that Should be at the end of the Campaign and are therefore Desirous to know What will be the probable time of the operations of the Year being finished, that You may Govern Yourself Accordingly; You may Depend on being Informed thereof, So Soon as it Shall be in my power to fix on any period with certainty.: Mean While I Cannot but Approve Your Scheme of en:=deavouring, at Your next Meeting of the Assembly to Engage them to Keep in their pay as many

of the Regiment as will re-enlist for next Cam:
=paign as it is a Measure Which I have all
along Recommended to the Provinces by way of
Saving to them, Which it certainly would be as
well as of great advantage to the Publick Cause,
Since by that means the Troops would be so
much the sooner ready to go on the services they
may be called upon, At the same time that
I did Recommend this Measure I never Intend:
=ed to put the publick to the immense expence
of Victualling those Troops nor could I Answer
doing it, unless they were Employed for Gar:
=rison duty, Which there is now no occasion for
as there are Regular Troops Sufficient for that
Service I trust however that by reason of the
Saving it must be to the province, and out of
the Zeal of the Assembly for the Common Cause,
they will readily & chearfully Concurr in Your
proposal.—

I am

Dear

Jeff Amherst

Govr. Bernard

Endorsed Copy/ Letter from Genl. Amherst/ To
Governor Bernard Dated/ Camp at Crown Point

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Wmsburgh August 18th 1759.–

Sir,

I beg leave to Congratulate You on the Repeated Successes of his Majestys Forces under Your Command.–

By What you have Already done; and by the Withdrawing the French Garrisons from Venango & the Adjacent Forts, Which I hope will leave but little for Mr Stanwix to do; I have Conceived great hopes that the Enemy will be drove out of this part of the Continent, by the end of this Campaign.–

If this Should fortunately be the Case, this Colony will be disposed to ease the Country by Saving every expence possible; and Reducing the troops in their pay. The time they Stand at present provided for is to the 1st of December next and no longer. I have Summoned the Assembly to meet on the 13th of Novr in order to give them time to provide further for them if it should be necessary.

I thought it much for His Majesty's service to give You this Information; desiring, that if You have any Reasons to urge Why they should be Continued longer in pay, You would be Pleased

to favor me with them before the meeting of the Assembly, that I may communicate them at that time or at least during the session which I apprehend will be very short as I have called them together for this purpose only it is not imagined that they will proceed upon the bountry Business.—

I most Sincerely Wish You a continuation of Your prosperity and the Reputation You so Justly Acquire thereby being with the greatest Esteem.—

Sr / Yr Excell cys

most Devoted

and obedient

Humble Servant

Fran: Fauquier

To Major General Amherst

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Govr Fauquier / To General Amherst / Dated Williamsburgh / 18th August / 1759 / Acquainting him that he should meet / his Assembly the 13th November, and / desiring to know if the Service would / require the Virginia Forces to be kept in / pay after the first of December, that he / might Move them, in that case, to make / further provision / in Pursuance of His Majs Orders of Octr 22d 1759 / No. 93.

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Duplicate

Charles Town August 9th 1759.

Sir.

I have the honour to inclose to you a Triplicate of my Letter of the 2d of last Month. I also transmit to You Copies of the Messages I sent to the House of Assembly concerning the Continuance of the Regiment in the Pay of this Province & of their Answers.

I am with the greatest regard,

Sr / Your Excellency's

Most Obedient &

Most humble Servant

William Henry Lyttelton

His Excellency Major General Amherst &c. &c.

Endorsed Govr. Lyttelton / Charles Town 9th August 1759 / Rd 6th October / Ansd 7th d. / Duplicate. / Accompanying four Enclosures / being his two Messages to the / Assembly concerning the / Continuance of the Regt. in the pay / of the Province, and their Answers / Declining the same — / in Mr. Gy. Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / Nº. 95.

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Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen.

Since the Conclusion of Your last Session I have received from the Right Honourable William Pitt Esqr. One of His Majestys principal Secretaries of State, The Letters of which I now transmit Copies to you, by which you will perceive, in how urgent a Manner His Majesty is pleased to ask Supplies from You for raising at least as large a Body of Men as you did for the last Campaign, & even as many more as the Number and Situation of the Inhabitants of this Province will allow, and also What gracious promises Accompany His Majesty's demand, of a Speedy Compensation for the Expences you have allready incurred; The Letters are Conceived in such Clear and Comprehensive terms as leave me little more to add than to express my most earnest wishes that You may exert your utmost efforts to comply with the Expectations of the Crown in this most important juncture, And I am induced to hope that If you you will furnish the Necessary Aids for keeping the Regi: ment of this Province in Pay upon its present establishment of Seven hundred Men untill the first day of January next it may be found Satisfactory.

By this means should that Corps be wanted for any Southern Operations (which may be of pe:=culiar benefit to this Province) it will be in readiness to Act, but shoud the Services of the Campaign be confined to such Parts as to render the employment of it unnecessary. I give you my word of honour I will gladly Seize the first moment to proceed to such a Reduction of it as shall in the most economical view of things be found Consistent with your internal Security.

I send you herewith an Estimate of the Charge that will be incurrd by the Measure I propose Which I recommend to you the rather, be:=cause I am truely desirous your Conduct should be such that you may appear to His Majestys Ministers worthy not only of an Ample Compensa:=tion for what you have allready done but of an encrease of Royal Favour & Munificence for the time to come. but shoud you Slight His Majestys repeated Requisitions contain'd in the Letters I now lay before you, I fear it may prove detrimental to such Ulterior Operations of this Campaign as may be in view & affect the Reputa:=tion you have justly maintaind of a Province dutifull & Affectionate to the King & Zealous for His Service. While I say this I am thoroughly

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Sensible that since the Commencement of the present War Your Taxes have been much greater than usual & I lament the Condition of the Times which has rendered those Taxes necessary. but whatever your Burthens are I am ready to share them with You & will very Willingly Consent to a diminution of my own income by Your omitting for this Year to provide the Sum of three thousand five hundred pounds Currency which You have annually raised for me. If You judge that it may be an encouragement to the good People of this Province to pay the more chearfully the extraordinary Subsidy I am now asking for the Service I have propounded to You. As I expected to have an Application of this Nature to make to you, I have not discharged the Sums out of the Regimental Fund expressed in Your Message of the 27th day of March last, nor have I replaced to the Treasury the Sum of £2163, your Order also of the 7th of April to the Commissary General has (as I conceive) been quashed by the last Prorogation but If you are still desirous that these things should be done I will upon Your acquainting me therewith issue the Necessary Orders for that purpose.

The Monies heretofore granted for Fortifica:
=tions are expended nevertheless I shall not press
you upon that Article, but If you shall comply
with the proposition abovemention'd for the con:
=tinuance of the Regiment & shall then find that
the Circumstances of Your Constituents will afford
a further grant for Fortifications, I have the
Satisfaction to Acquaint You that Captain Richard
Wudgeon an Engineer is arrived here in Consequence
of His Majestys Gracious Orders, & it is with plea:
=sure I add that I am Authorized by that
Gentleman to say that notwithstanding any pre:
=cedents of Former times he will not expect or
desire any Pay or Gratuity from the Province for
any Services he may perform here.

W H L.

Endorsed Govr: Lyttletons Message to the /
Assembly of South Carolina N° 1./ Enclosed in
the Duplicate of the Gov^rs of 9th August 1759./
in M^r: G: Amherst's of Octr 22^d 1759/ N° 96.

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May it please Your Excellency.

This House having referr'd Your Excellency's Message together with the Copies of the Letters from The Right Honourable William Pitt Esqr; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the other Papers which Your Excellency was pleas'd to transmit to us, to the Consider:-tion of a Committee, who having made a Report thereon, We have agreed with the Committee in the following Resolutions viz^d.

That the Regiment should not be con:-tinued any longer in the pay of this Province.

That three Companies of the said Regi:-ment, each to consist of One Captain, two Lieu:-tenants, One Ensign, four Serjeants, four Cor:-porals, two Drummers, with one Hundred private Men, be continued in the pay of this Province till the first Day of January next.

That Several Persons named in an Address presented to Your Excellency from this House, on the 24th day of March last, be paid the Several Sums of Money therein mention'd out of the Regimental Fund; the same being due to the said Persons respectively for the use & Service of the Regiment.

That the Sum of, Two Thousand One hun:
=dred & Sixty three pounds, mentioned in Your
Excellency's Message, be replaced in the Treasury
out of the same Fund.

That Orders be given to the Commissary
General for Selling, at Public sale, for the use of
this Government, Six hundred & Thirty Six Wuf:
=fil Blankets, purchas'd with public Money, & made
use of by the Highland & Royal American Battalions.

And we humbly desire that Your Excel=
=lency will be pleas'd to issue the Necessary Orders
for carrying these Things into execution.

At the Same time, we beg leave to ac:
=quaint Your Excellency, that as the time Neces:
=sary for a thorough consideration of what may
be requisite to be done with respect to the Fortifi:
=cations, will be more than the present Season
of the Year will Conveniently admit of, we
have deferr'd the same till a future meeting
of the General Assembly.

And we have appointed a Committee to
consider of Ways & means for the paying the
three Companies intended to be continued in the
Service of this Province.

We cannot conclude without declaring that
it is a Matter of great concern to us to find

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Ourselves under the disagreable Necessity of not com:
=plying with His Majesty's desire, & the Proposition,
which (we conceive) Your Excellency has very much
at Heart, from your generously offering to con:
=tribute so largely toward defraying the espence of
carrying it into execution: And we assure You,
Sir, that nothing but a consideration of the
heavy Charges The province has labour'd under,
during the present War, & the inutility as well
as impracticability of raising or continuing a Regi:
=ment as the Operations of the Campaign are al:
=ready enter'd upon, determin'd us to continue such
a number of Men only, as, with the Independ:
=ent Companies, We think Sufficient for Our in:
=ternal Security.

In the Commons House of Assembly
the 9th Day of July 1759.
By Order of the House
Bn. Smith (Speaker.

Endorsed The Assembly of South Carolinas / Answer to
the Govr. Message No. 1. / 9th July 1759. / Enclosed in
the duplicate of the Govrs. of 9th August. / in Mr. G:
Amherst's of Octr. 22d 1759 / No. 97.

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Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen.

I have received with Surprize & concern Your Message of the 9th Instant & I think I should not do my duty If I did not exhort You to reconsider the Subject Matter of it. I readily acknowledge that during the present War, Your Taxes have been heavier than usual, but notwith=standing that, I have the happiness to see the Province in a most flourishing State, & do not perceive any Symptoms of Poverty & decay among You; I cannot therefore discern that You are under any necessity of not Complying with His Majesty's desires, on that Account. Nor can I be of Opinion that because the Operations of the Campaign are allready enterd upon, it is therefore useless or impracticable to raise or continue a Regiment in the Pay of this Province. On the Contrary the probability is, That as long as the Campaign lasts the employment of such a Corps may be found usefull & necessary, and with respect to the prac=ticability of raising it, I doubt not that in two or three Months it may be Augmented to the Number of five or Six hundred Men, if not com=pleted, partly by engaging deserters to return to their Colours with a promise of pardon & partly By putting the Act for taking up Vagrants, in

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execution & giving a proper bounty Money to new recruits. But that you may See how far it imports Your own Security to comply with the proposition I made to you in my last Message, I send you herewith some papers I received the 9th Instant by which you will per:=ceive that the Cherokees have at length made incursions into this Province & Slaughterd some of its' Inhabitants, & it will also appear to you by what means the French are endeavouring to ani:=mate those People against us.

The three hundred Men which you ac:=quaint me you have resolved to enable me to keep on foot are but barely Sufficient with the Independent Companies for Necessary Guards & Gar:=risons, and shoud the Cherokees renew their in:=roads, I shall be unable to restrain their Vio:=lences & afford protection to the Back Settlements. in consequence of which I shall be obliged to call you together again at a Season when per:=haps it may be the most inconvenient to Your private Affairs & many grievous mischiefs may happen, which by Your Strengthening my hands in Time, may be prevented. I desire You to reflect Seriously upon these things & will add but one Consideration more which is, that it will

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surely be more advantageous for You to raise a Regiment of Seven hundred Men for the Charge whereof you will receive a Compensation from the Crown than to keep on foot only three Com:=panies for which in all probability you will have no Compensation at all.

W H L.

Endorsed Gov.r Lyttelton's Message to the / Assembly of South Carolina, upon their / Answer of the 9th July to his Message / N.o 1. / Enclosed in the Duplicate of the Gov.rs of 9th August. / in M.r G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22d 1759 / N.o 98.

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May it please Your Excellency.

We have very maturely considered the Mes:=sages which your Excellency was pleas'd to send this House the 11th & 12th Instant, with the Several papers which accompanied the Same, &, after Solemnly debating the Subject Matter of the said Messages & other papers, we have Re:=solv'd that no provision be made by this House for continuing the Regiment in the pay of this Province: But do adhere to the Resolutions which we communicated to Your Excellency in our Address of the 9th Instant.

And with respect to the Inroads made by the Indians, we came to the following resolu:=tions, viz.

That this House will make a provision to enable Your Excellency to raise two Troops of Rangers, each to consist of a Captain, Lieutenant & twenty private Men; to patrol in such part of the Back Settlements as Your Excellency shall judge Necessary.

That the Captains pay be thirty five Pounds per Month each, the Lieutenants Twenty five pounds per Month each, & each private Man's four:=teen Pounds per Month, they furnishing themselves

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with Horses, Accoutrements & Provisions.

That the said Rangers be continued in the pay of this Province till the first Day of Novemr. next, or untill the next meeting of the General Assembly after, if Your Excellency shall judge their Service so long necessary

In the Commons House of Assembly
the 13th Day of July 1759.

By Order of the House
Bt. Smith / Speaker

Endorsed The Assembly of South Carolinas / Answer to the Govrs. Second Message / 13th July 1759 / Enclosed in the duplicate of the Govrs. of 9th August / in Mr. G: Amherst's of Octr. 22d. 1759 / No. 99.

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Extract

Camp at Crown Point 7th October 1759.-

Sir,

Sometime since I was favor'd with Your dis:=patch of the 9th August, and Yesterday thro' the Channel of Gov: Fauquier with its Duplicate, both Accompanying Copies of Your Messages to the House of Assembly, concerning the Continuance of the Regt in the pay of the Province of South Carolina, and of their Answers thereto:— As both Speak for themselves, I can only Lament that Your constant great Zeal & uncommon disinterestedness have met with so unfavorable a Return on the part of the Assembly, Who ought to be sensible, that thro' their obstinate refusal of the Supplies so urgently asked by His Majesty they have forfeited all right to the Kings most gracious promise of Compensation, Which from Your repeated Recommendations, and Endeavours to Awaken them into a Sense of their duty, it is evident, it would have been the high:=est Satisfaction to You to have obtained for them; But since neither of these have been able to move them to an obedience, they must thank themselves for the Event, Whilst You, tho' con:=cerned at the Cause have the pleasure of know:=ing, that nothing has been wanting on your

part And that Your Conduct cannot but be highly agreable to and Approved of by the King.—

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency
Gov.r Lyttelton

Endorsed Extract / Letter from General / Amherst, / To Gov.r Lyttelton / Dated Camp at Crown Point 14th Oct.r 1759. / In Answer to his of 9th August / com: :mending his Zeal and / Lamenting the obstinacy of the Assembly.—/ in M.r G: Amherst's of Oct.r 22d 1759 / No. 100.

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By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr.
Major General and Commander in chief of all
His Majesty's Forces in North America &c^a, &c^a, &c^a.

To Captain Joshua Loring, Commanding
His Majesty's Brig Duke of Cumberland
and Sloop Boscawen.—

Whereas my Intentions are, not only to Distress the Enemy, as far as in me lays, but also to Endeavour to obtain the free and uninterrupted Navigation of Lake Champlain, for Which purpose it is necessary to take or Destroy the Enemies Vessels now upon it, Which I think cannot be better Effected than by Cutting them off from their Post at the Isle aux Nois.—

I would therefore have You immediately upon Receipt of Your Sailing Orders, proceed with the above Brig & Sloop, down the Lake and use all Your Endeavours, to get passed the Enemie's Sloops if possible unperceived, if not, You will at all Events do Your utmost to come up with and Attack them, and that without any regard to the Army You leave behind, as I think them Sufficiently Covered by the Artillery in Boats When You are advanced.—

If You can but off the Enemie's Communication

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between the Post at the Isle aux Noix or their Vessells You may then be certain of the Success, as they must then fall in between You and the Army and cannot avoid coming to Action.-

But if You cannot get passed them and You find them Endeavouring to make their Es: =cape, You must pursue them as close under the Cannon of the Isle aux Noix. as You can pos: =sibly go, without Endangering the Loss of His Majestys Ships by Standing or Running ashore, and during the Whole time of the Chace You will Annoy, and Distress them to Utmost of Your power

Given under my Hand and Seal at Head Quarters in Camp at Crown Point this 10th Day of Octr 1759.-

Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed Copy/ Orders/ To Capt Joshua Loring/ Commanding His Majesty's/ Brig Duke of Cumberland &/ Sloop Boscawen- Dated/ Camp at Crown Point 10th Octr 1759./ in Mr: G: Amherst's of Octr 22d 1759/ Nº 101.

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Extract/

Boston Octr 9th 1759.

" I have great pleasure to Send You the enclosed Vote, as it breaths that proper Confidence in Your Recommendations, and that due Attention to Your Desires, which I shall alway Cultivate amongst the People under my Lead. I should have Sent this on Monday last; but Observing some Im:=propriety in the Vote as it then passed; I men:=tioned it to the Members & they very readily reconsidered their Vote, and passed it as it now stands".

T. Pownall

His Excellency Genl Amherst.

Endorsed Extract of a Letter from Govr Pownall/ to General Amherst./ Dated Boston, 9th October 1759./ Enclosing the Vote of the Assembly for/ the Continu:=ance of the Forces in the pay/ of the Province till the 1st of December./ in M: G: Amherst's of Octr 22^d 1759/ N° 102.

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Copy

Province of Massachusetts' Bay

In the House of Representatives, Octr 6th 1759.

Voted That His Excellency be desired to Acquaint General Amherst, that notwithstanding the Time for which the Troops raised for the present Expedition against Canada are Engaged, does Ex:=pire on the first Day of November next; Yet if he apprehends their Service beyond that time will promote the General Invasion of Canada, their Pay shall be Continued untill the first day of December next. And that He be de:=sired to Direct the Several Colonels to In:=form the Officers and Privates accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence

Att^{r} Roland Cotton Cler. Dom. Rep^{s}.

In Council, October 9th 1759. Read and

Concurred — ..... A. Oliver Sec^{r}.

Consented to ..... T. Pownall

Endorsed Copy — Vote of the Assembly of the/ Massa:=chusetts Bay. / Dated Boston 6th Octr 1759./ Enclosed in Govr Pownall's to Genl Amherst / of the 9th D^{o}./ in Mr G. Amherst's of Octr 22^{d} 1759. / N° 103.

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New York December 16th: 1759 -

Sir

The last letter I did myself the honour of writ:ing to you, was from Crown Point of the 22d of Oc:tober, since which, though nothing very material has happened, I shall take the liberty of continuing my journal, to give you as clear an intelligence as I can of every thing that has passed.

On the 23d I sent an Aid de Camp to B: Gen:eral Gage at Oswego, with orders for quartering the Troops on that side this winter. Letters from Boston brought an account, that Admiral Boscawen had gained a Victory at Sea, and destroyed the greatest part of the french Fleet. five Men of the two Serjeant's Partys, which I had sent out on the 4th, came in, as the Weather had been so bad, they could not get down the Lake. The Radeau and other boats with Rangers arrived. Captain Dalyel, whom I had detached on the 18th, with 200 Men in whale boats, returned in the Evening; he had got to the Brigantine & Sloops at the Isle la Motte, and re:connoitred to the Isle au Noix, where the Enemy's Schooner was arrived by going round the Grande Isle: on his return, he picked up a Man on the Shore, of the Crew of the Marqueronguy, who had lost the party & himself. at night the two Serjeants came in, half starved, reporting the winds had been so high and

Lake so rough, the men gave out, and they could not reach the Isle au Nix. bad weather stoped the works this day.

24th: the works of the Fortress and Forts had been much retarded, by the absence of the regular Troops; I set all to work that were able, that I may do as much as possible, while the Season permits. a Captain of Montgomery's (sic) arrived, with fifty two men, from Pittsburg; he had left thirty two sick on the route

25th I sent away some sick to Fort Edward & Albany; a Captain of Rangers, who I ordered out with 100 men to secure Major Rogers's boats returned, and reported them burnt by the Enemy.

26 I detached 250 men, with proper Tools, under the command of Major Hawke, to compleat the Road to No. 4 that the Provincial Troops may take the shortest Route to return to their homes, & it will much lessen the expences of their march. Capt. Loring arrived with the Brigantine, Sloop. and french Prize Sloop; reporting to me, that he thought the two other Sloops might be weighed up, with proper help, I ordered it accordingly to be prepared. I detached Lieut: Maine and nine men of the royal Artillery to South Carolina, to instruct the men there, in the exercise of their Guns.

27th Lt. Grant & Robertson Sailed with the

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two Sloops, & 200 Men, and all necessaries for weigh=
=ing the French Sloops up. sent Capt: Loring to Ticon=
=deroga, with the Brig; to prepare a proper place for
the Vessels during the winter, & repair boats for the
passage of the Troops over Lake George. ordered an Ar=
=tillery Officer & Artificers to Ticonderoga, to examine the
Guns, to put the Carriages, Platforms &c in the best
order.

28th I sent the remains of the Indians, by
Albany, to their homes, to save; at present, an un=
=necessary expence to the Publick, and Provisions
for the Troops. got the timber to the Fortress, by
drawing it with Men, which expedited it much bet=
=ter than with the Cattle, that were likewise em=
=ployed at the same time in different places.

29th I had a Letter, last night, from Ni=
=agara, acquainting me of the death of Lt. Colonel
Farquhar, and I had likewise one from Br. Genral
Stanwix, by which I see he has given over all thoughts
of relieving the garrison of Niagara, from the many
difficulties that would attend it, I immediately sent
Lt Colonel Eyre there, as I thought it the best thing
I could do, for effectually Securing that place.

30th very cold weather and frost, I relieved
the detachments of Provincials at Fort Edward, and
the Posts on the communication that they may joyn

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their Regiments and go home by N°. 4.

31st at the weather began to be severely cold, I gave rum to each working man every day, which now became very necessary, and I ordered the works to be closed in the best and most expeditious manner that time will permit.

1st Nov.r some of the Jersey and Massachusett Troops mutinyed and would go home, I turned out five Piquets of the Regulars, which soon settled that matter, and they returned quietly to their work

2nd An Officer came in, from where the Vessels are weighing up, to acquaint me a Flag of Truce was coming; Capt. Cadillac of Regt de Berry, who brought me a Letter of the 28th of Oct from the Marquis de Vaudreuil, and one from Mons.r Bourlamaque from the Isle aux Noix. Mons.r de Vaudreuil proposed an Exchange of Prisoners, which is what I had demanded of the Marquis de Montcalm. I received a Letter from Lt. Meredith of Gage's, whom I had sent out on the 9th of Oct: that he was taken on the 16th, as he was returning, on the Lake, to the Army. Mons.r Cadillac said Major Rogers's Party had killed some Indians & burnt the Settlement of St. Francis, but that he had been attacked in his retreat.

3d I sent the flag of truce away with my answers and an Escort.

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4th ordered all the Sick away from the Battalions at Tionderoga

5th I sent away some Artillery, Ammunition & Stores allotted for Fort George & Fort Edward

6th the Weather favoured us for the works, considering the time of Year: an Officer, with the greatest part of Willard's Regt, having deserted from the landing place, set every thing at a Stand there. I immediately replaced them, with a detachment from the Regulars.

7th Frost & Snow, but the works were carryed on. Capt Ogden, of Schuylers Regt, brought me a Letter from Major Rogers of the 1st Nov; from N° 4, acquainting me, that on the 22d day, after his departure from Crown point, he got to the Village of St Francis, reconnoitred it, attacked it next morning before Sun rise, on the Right, Left, & Center, found all asleep, Killed 200, took 20 women and Children, fifteen of which he afterwards let go, brought away two Indian boys & three Girls, and retook five English Prisoners: some of the Indians, trying to make their escapes from their houses, and to get off in their Canoes, were pursued by forty Men of his party, & were most of them shot or drowned; about seven., the affair was over, and he burnt the Church and all the Houses, with a Priest and some others

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who had hid themselves & suffered in the Flames:
Capt Ogden and six men were slightly wounded,
one Stockbridge Indian killed: Major Rogers then de-
=termined to return by N° 4, marched the whole body
together 8 days, and then separated in small bodys,
leaving a Guide to each: one of his Partys was at-
=tacked two days after they separated, had seven men
taken, but two got off in the night, and he arrived,
with Capt Ogden & one Man, on the 31st at N°. 4.
in the afternoon, an Indian came in, and in sev-
=eral hours after he had been in camp, Indian like,
said he had left Sixteen of M: Rogers's Party at the
Otter River, I immediately sent away an Officer &
Party of Rangirs in whaleboats for them.

8th the Party of Rangers brought in four In-
=dians, two Rangers a German woman, who had
been taken at the German flats, two young Squaws,
and an Indian boy, they were loaded with Wam-
=pum & Trinkets that they had taken at St Fran-
=cis: it was from this nest of Barbarians, which
is now at an end, that scalping Partys have fre-
=quently done mischief in the Newhampshire &
Massachusett_ Provinces.

9th I sent away all the baggage of the Pro-
=vincials, by Albany. Capt Lee of Genl. Abercrom-
=by's Regt arrived from Pittsburg, he was sent

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there from Niagara, and brought me a letter from B^r General Stanwix of the 10th of Oct: with the unanimous opinion, of a Council of war, that it is & has been utterly impossible for B^r Genl Stan=
=wix to relieve the Garrison of Niagara, with four or five hundred Men.

10th The Troops worked till three o'Clock; excepting the Grenadiers, who were under Arms at one o'Clock and fired Volleys. at Gun firing, the Army was under Arms, & fired a Feu de Joye, the three Forts firing 21 Cannon, and the Battalions Vol=
=leys. The Fortress 21 Cannon, the Army a running fire. the Park of Artillery 21 Cannon, the Army a gen=
=eral Volley. ending with three Huzzas & rum and Spruce beer given to every man in the Army. Lt Grant reported to me, he had got one of the Sloops up, and baled the water out, he had had an attack on a party on shore who were cutting wood & were fired on by some Indians, (probably from the report of the flag of truce sent from the Isle au noix to view what was doing) a man of the Royal was killed and Scalped, four were wounded, and the Indians got off unpunished. I received a me=
=morial from the Massachusett^s & Connecticut Col=
=onels, desiring to settle, by way of Township, the new made Road to N° 4, if His Majesty would be gra=

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:ciously pleased, to make them grants of the said Lands. I likewise received a memorial from Major of brigade Skeene, desiring a patent for a tract of Land between South bay, East bay & the garrison land of Fort Edward. in my last Letter. Sir, I acquainted you of the Zeal and activity the Provincial Colonels have shewn for the good of the King's Service, and I must do justice to Major Skeene in saying I know no Man in his Post, more deserving than he is.

11th I ordered the Payments to be made to the Artificers, that the whole may be cleared before they march. Sold the working cattle by Auction.

12th the Rhode Island Regt. marched this morning, crossed the Lake & took five days Provisions to supply them to N° 4.

13th Col: Worcesters Regt, of the Connecticut Troops, marched, following the Rhode Island Regt. I sent Lt Col Robertson to the landing Place to forward the Provisions, that I may leave this Garri: :son & Ticonderoga well supplyed

14th Col Whitings Regt Marched the same Route as Worcesters

15th in the night past, Major Grant arrived with a Letter from the Mo: de Vaudreuil, had left the English Prisoners near the Otter River, I sent an Aid de Camp, and a Company of light Infantry to

guard the Escort, which was of two Lieut's & 40 Canadiens, at a proper distance from Camp, & to send the Prisoners in; they were, Major Grant, Capt's Kennedy, Pringle, & M'Kenzie. Lieut's Hamilton, Forke, Meredith, Downing, Jenkins, & M'Kay. Major Lewis of the Virginia Troops, Ensign Hollar of the Provincials Capt's Jute, Lt's Stone, Dickson & Fletcher of the Rangers. two Midshipmen, a Master of a Merchant Man, 270 Prisoners women & children included. I received Letters from Brig'r Generals Monckton & Townshend with the particulars of taking Quebec, & from Admiral Saunders, acquainting me he should leave Lord Colvill with the command of His Majesty's Ships of War at Halifax.

16th I wrote to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, & sent back the Party that had escorted our Prisoners. the three French sloops were brought in this morning, by Lt Grant, with their Rigging & Guns, except two brass 12 Pounders, that Mons'r de L'Oberaty threw over board, while Lt M'Kay was there.

17th the Jersey Troops marched, to pass Lake George, and proceed, by Albany, to their homes. I sent the Inhabitants away who had returned with the Prisoners - ordered the Sloops to Ticonderoga to be laid up for the winter.

18th an officer returned, who I had sent with

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money to N°4 for paying the four pences to the Provincials. Major Hawkes party had been in a little too much hurry, when once they get home in their heads, 'tis difficult to stop them, and they are too apt to leave and neglect their Sick.

19th I wrote to Governor Pownall to thank him for his care in providing for the Massachusett Troops, that they may remain the Winter at Halifax & the bay of Fundy &c, as there will be no Troops to relieve them.

20th by a Letter from Br General Gage, he arrived at Albany on the 16th, & all the Troops were in their winter Quarters.

21st the Weather very Severe, but the works will be soon finished. I had a Letter from Major Rogers, that he had as yet got only 51 of his Party at N°4. Lt Dunbar, of Lages, was attacked two days after they separated, by a Party that pursued, the Lieut. was Sup:posed to be killed, with Lt Turner of the Indians, who was his Guide, & ten Men of Lages; eight men of his party made their Escapes.

22d Stormy weather, and it frose hard, I retrieved the Rangers that I might keep only such as were good & would engage to serve to the later End of next Campaign, if required

23d I reduced the six Companys of Rangers to two Companys, keeping the Officers in pay, until

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further orders, that they may recruit their Companys on the first notice; I have likewise entirely reduced the three Companys at Boston, which returned from Quebec.

24th it frose hard & snowed, I prepared all necessary Orders for the Comanding Officers of the sev=eral Posts, that the whole may be ready to rein=force the advanced Posts on any motions of the Enemy; though it is hardly possible the Enemy should attempt any, ordered Col: Fitch's Regt; which is the last pro=vincial one here, to cross the Lake & march to morrow.

25th I decamped the whole, left the Inniskilling Regt, & 200 Rangers, for the Garrison of Crown Point, sent the discharged Rangers home by N° 4 and some by Albany; arrived at Tionderoga, where I left six Companys of late Forbes's Regt for Garrison, and Lt Robertson, with Charge of the Vessels. Col. Eymars Regt, & the remainder of Willard's passed the Lake to march by N°. 4. it was night before the Troops arrived at the Saw=mill, landed & made good Fires, in the night, a deep snow fell.

26th I sent forward the light Infantry & Grenadiers, to Fort Edward, to help secure the bridge from the Ice; ordered the Regts to cross the Lake, independently of each other, as the weather

was so thick and bad, to keep to the western shore, and land and make fires when necessary, most of them stoped at Sabbath day point.

27th Capt Morris, of late Prideaux's, was unfortunately killed, by the fall of a tree at Sabbath day point, which they had set fire to at bottom; the tree fell, & crushed him to death. the Regiments arrived in the afternoon at Fort George, marched into the Woods & made large fires

28th The Troops marched at day break, except the four remaining companys of late Forbes's which garrison Fort George. one company of the R: Highlanders marched into halfway brook, five companys to Fort Edward, the Troops crossed the bridge and lay in the woods below Fort Edward.

29th I marched at daybreak, met the french Prisoners whom I had ordered up to send in exchange, they all dislike the march at this Season & the major part of them, I believe would be glad to get off returning to Canada, the Troops lay in the woods three miles below Saratoga this night.

30th I marched at daybreak went four miles below Stillwater.

Decr. 1st Marched at day break passed Loudun's Ferry, Gage's Regt. lay in the woods on the Road to Schenectady to which place they march tomorrow.

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the Royal, late Prideaux's & Montgomery's marched five miles beyond the Ferry. during this march the weather was Severe, but the Troops by laying in warm parts of the woods, making good Fires, boiling their Pots, and not attempting to pitch any Tents, performed the march very well.

2d I marched at day break and arrived at ten o'clock at Albany the Royal & late Prideaux's were immediately embarked on board the Sloops. I met Sr Wm Johnson whom I had sent an Aid de Camp to, for that purpose. the wind would not permit the Sloops to sail, the weather very se= =verely cold & the River began to freeze.

3d the River full of Ice a man of the Royal one of late Prideaux's and a Negro were frose to death last night, and three of the dis= =charged Rangers who had got a batteaü in hopes, I suppose, to get down the river were caught by the Ice & found frose to death in the batteaü, and Several men frost bitten.

4th the frost continuing I ordered the Re= =giments to disembark and march, the Royal down the West side, late Prideaux's down the East side, as the River may not open 'till Spring.

5th I crossed the River & sat out on foot

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for New York where I arrived the 11th in the morning and received the honour of your Letter of the 29th of Sep:=:tember by the Genl. Wall Packet boat, which arrived the 12th at night. I have acquainted the Officers & Soldiers of His Majesty's entire approbation of their Zeal and Spirit, which canit but make them, as it does me, very happy.

I must beg, Sir, you will put me at the Kings Feet, with my most humble acknowledgments of the distinguishing mark His Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on me of his Royal favour in appointing me to be Governour of Virginia: my Endeavours shall be to prove myself as deserving as I can by a most devoted duty in doing every thing, as far as I am able for the Honour and Success of His Majesty's Arms and the Publick good.

Though I have not yet received any com:=:mands, in regard to the ensuing campaign, I have Judged it right to make nearly the same previous application to the several Governours as I did last Year, and I think there will not be any difficulty in raising the like number of Men.

As Major Grant was, while Prisoner, very con:=:versant with many of the french Officers, I desired him to put in writing the condition he thought the Country in, and I find by him the greatest distress

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can hardly induce the M: de Vaudreuil to capitu=
=late for the Country, as Monsr. de Bougainville
brought him positive Orders to defend it to the last spot
remaining; but, notwithstanding that, if I may pre=
=sume, Sir, to offer you my Opinion, from the present
Posts His Majesty's Army is now in possession of, if no stroke
was to be made, Canada must fall, or the Inhabitants
starve, or if it shall be judged proper to make short
work of it and subdue the whole Country, it appears
to me, the same force which acted this Campaign
may effectually do it, so soon as the Season will
permit military operations to be carryed on. The
Enemy will keep small Posts, at the Isle au Noix,
below Lake Champlain, and at the Isle aïx Galot,
below Lake Ontario & Swegatchi, but His Majesty's
Vessels have the Entire Command of both Lakes.

I have left B^r General Gage to command at
Albany. B^r General Monckton is here with several
of the wounded Officers from the River St Laurence.

I send this by Captain Abercrombie my Aid
de Camp who is one of the Officers summoned to
attend a General Court martial in England, the Others
will follow in a few days in His Majestys Ship Fowy
that convoys the Transports with the discharged men.

I enclose all papers that I think can any
wise serve in giving you full Information of the

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States of things here. I am with the Utmost Re=
=spect Sir

Your most Humble
and most Obedient Servant
Jeff: Amherst.

Right Honble Mr Pitt

Endorsed New York Decr: 16: 1759/ Majr: Genl: Amh:
=herst/ Rd Jany: 24th: by Capt: / Abercromby./

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C.O. 5:57

Copy. Camp at Crown Point 25th Octo. 1759.

Sir,

At the same time that I Return You my Particular thanks for Your favor of the 15th Inst. I shall likewise repeat those made You by my Secretary, in My Name for Your other Favors of 9th & 12th of Same Month, Which together with the Answer he has laid before me, by Which You will have Seen that I have ordered Magazines of Provisions to be laid up at N: 4, Where on the Return of the Massachusetts Forces, I Shall Send a Regular Officer to See Provisions Issued out to them, Sufficient to Carry them to the Inhabited Country, and if they Chuse it beyond that they Shall likewise, but as I Apprehend they will not be desirous of Over burthening themselves, and that the Four Pences will be more agreeable to them, that Same Officer Shall be Provided with money, and Directions to Pay every Soldier So many Four Pences as it will take them days to reach their respective Homes, at a Moderate March; that their March from hence to N: 4 may meet with no difficulties and delays, I have now a Party of Two Hundred and Fifty Men, ready to Clear the road and make it good. —

I cannot take upon me, to put the Publick to the expence of Victualling any of the Provincial

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Forces during the Winter, but I hope that will prove no Obstacle to the Wise Measures You propose, as the Province by agreeing to it, will Soon be Sensible of the Saving it must be to them. ~

I am with great regard

Sir

&c

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Gov. Fournall

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Governor Fournall Dated / Camp at Crown Point 25th. Oct. 1759. / In Answer to the Govs. two Letters of the 9th. & 15th. That he had Ordered / Magazines of Provisions at No. 4, where their Troops should be Supplied with / Sufficient to Carry them into the Inhabited / Country, and from thence they should / be Allowed fourpence until they / reached their respective homes. But that he could not take upon him to / put the Publick to the Expence of / Victualling their Forces dur= =ing the / Winter. ~ / in N. Y. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / No. 5.

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Copy/ New York 18th. October 1759.

Dear Sir,

The Assembly met Yesterday when I Sent them a Message, containing the Arguments You had furnished me with, the Result You will See in the Enclosed Resolution: I have Directed the Commissaries to Procure and Send up as Soon as Possible the Ne:=cessarys Voted for the men, Which I hope will be a Sufficient Encouragement for them to Continue in the Service with Chearfulness, health and Suc:=cess from,

Dear Sir

Yr

James De Lancey.

His Excellency Genl. Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from Lt. Govr. De Lancey/ To General Amherst Dated/ New York 18th. October 1759./ Accompanying the Resolutions of/ the House for Continuing the Yorkers/ in Pay One Month longer./ in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16. 1759/ No. 6.

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Copy/ Assembly Chamber the 17th. of October 1759.

The House (according to order) Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole house, upon His Honour the Lieut. Governor's Message of this day, Respecting the Application of His Excellency Major General Amh:herst to him, declaring the Necessity of the Troops in the Pay of this Colony being continued in the field longer than was Expected: After some time Spent therein M. Speaker Resumed the Chair and Col. De Lancey reported the Resolution, of the Committee Which he read in his place and afterwards deliver:ed in at the Table and is as followeth to wit ~

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Com:mittee that a further Provision of One Months Pay be made for the Troops raised by this Colony for His Majesty's Service, and that each Soldier be fur:nished with a Pair of Shoes and Stockings and a Warm Waistcoat as an Encouragement for them to Continue in the Service ~

And the said Resolution being read a Second time.

Resolved that the House do aggree with the Committee in the Said Resolution. ~

Resolved that this House will at their next Meeting Provide ways and Means for Defray:ing the Expence of the Service aforesaid. ~

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Ordered That Col. Philips and Captain
Lispenard wait upon His Honour the Lieut. Governor
with the aforesaid Resolutions. ~
By order of the General Assembly
Abm. Lott junr. Clerk

Endorsed Copy Resolutions of the / Assembly of New
York 17th Octo. / for Continuing the Yorkers in Pay 1759 /
One Month longer. / Enclosed in the Lt. Govs Letter to /
Genl. Amherst of 18th Octo. 1759 ~ / in M. G. Amherst's
of Decr. 16: 1759 / No. 7.

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Copy/ Camp at Crown Point 25th. October 1759.

Dear Sir;

Your Favor of 18th. Instant, I Received by the last Post, together with the Resolution of the Assembly, for continuing the New York Regimt. one Month longer in Pay, than they were raised for; Which is a New Proof of their great Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and Deserves my most Sincerest thanks, Which I beg Your Acceptance of, as well as to make a tender of it to them, With Assurances, that I shall not fail to Acquaint the Secretary of State with their ready Concurrence in everything that can promote the good of the Service. —

I Sent a Copy of the Resolution to Brigr. General Gage, with directions that So Soon as the Season would not Suffer any further Work To be Carried on, he Should Send the Yorkers home. —

I am, with the greatest truth and regard,

Dear Sir

Yrs

Jeff: Amherst

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst/to Lieut. Govr. De Lancey Dated/ Camp at Crown Point 25th. Octr. 1759/ In Answer to the Lt. Govrs of the 18th./ Thanking

Extract New York 22d. October 1759

Dear Sir,

Last Night I received Your favor of the 9th. Instant: I know not Whether My Proclamation to Apprehend Hey:-sham, or the Warrant to take up De Peyster & Tolliot, hath put a Stop to the Illicit exportation of Provisions; but I can Assure You, there is no Scarcity of the Article of Flour now Which has already fallen 2 Sh. P cent, and the Stores in Town are full of it, So that there will be no need of an Embargo, and if the Officers of the Customs would Exert them:-selves, I am persuaded, there could not possibly be a Want of so Essential an Article as Flour in this Countries. —

Upon Calling the Assembly I wrote to Col. Le Roux to Prepare the Men Who were well for Stay:-ing beyond the time limited, and by his Answer by the Post, I find they are not unwilling, I have Since Acquainted him with the Encourage-:ment given them.

James De Lancey.

His Excellency Genl. Amherst

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Extract./. Camp at Crown Point 29th. October 1759.

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to find, by Your favor of the 22d. that there is now no Scarcity of the Article of Flour, that it has already fallen 2s per Cent, and that the Stores in New York are full of it; I certainly cannot Attribute this to any thing else, than Your Proclamation to Apprehend Hayham, and Your Warrant to take up De Peyster and Elliot, Whom, I must own, I Should be glad were Apprehended and taken up, as I am persuaded, that Nothing would put So Entire and Effectual a Stop to this Pernicious Practice, than an Example of One or all of them; I Shall Acquaint the Contractors with this good Piece of Intelligence, Which must remove their Apprehensions and fears of failing in that Essential Article. ~

I am very glad the Yorkers were so willing to Stay, before they knew of the Encouragement Intended for them, Since now they will be Much more so; than Which, Nothing can Contribute more to the Expediting of the Works. ~

Jeff: Amherst

Hon.ble Lt. Govr. De Lancey

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Extract./ New York 5th Novemr. 1759.

"My Proclamation against Keyham, I believe, gave some Check to the Exportation of Provisions; but De Peyster and Elliot have Connections, the former with two of the Judges, and the Latter in the Custom house. I do not think they will be made Examples of, though they were Apprehended and Bound over, but they have Prevailed upon the Witnesses, I am told, to Absent themselves, so that I fear this Practice will be Revived." —

"The Contractors, I am Informed, have had their Supply some time ago, and have left off buy-ing."

"I Hope the Yorkers have left Oswego before this time, as the Weather is now very severe here, and must be much more so above.

James De Lancey.

His Excellency General Amherst.

Endorsed Extract/Letter from Lieut./Govr. De Lancey to Genl. Amherst/Dated New York 5th. Novr. 1759./That he believes his Proclamation/gave some Check to the Exportation/of Provisions; but that from the/Connections of the Delinquents, he/does not think they will be made/Examples of—That the Contractors/have had their Supply some time/ago, and have left off buying—/in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ No. 11.

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Extract./. Camp of Crown Point Novem.r 13.th 1759.

"It gives me great Satisfaction to find, that Your Proclamation has given Some check, to the Exportation of Provisions, and that the Contractors have had their Supply, but I must at the Same time Declare, that I think a Check is far from being sufficient, as Such Male Practices ought to be entirely Stoped, and I hope the Laws of the Country, will effectually hinder their being revived. ~

Jeff: Amherst.

Honble Lieut. Govr. De Lancey

Endorsed Extract/Letter from Genl. Amherst/To Lieut. Govr. De Lancey Dated/Camp at Crown Point, 13th. Novr. 1759./ In Answer to the Lt. Govr. of the 5th./ That he thinks a Check is far from/being sufficient, as such Male/Practices ought to be entirely Stopped,/and hopes the Laws of the County/will Effectually hinder their being/ Revived.—/in N. Y. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ No. 12.

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copy. Camp at Crown Point 2d. Novr. 1759~

Sir,

The uncertainty I have been in, which indeed is not yet entirely Removed, in relation to the relief of Niagara, has, hitherto prevented me from fixing upon What Number of Troops, and What Corps I Should Send into the Jerseys next Winter but as the Season is now already So far advanced I must give You Notice that at all Events, I Shall Send You two Regiments, one at Burlington & Trenton, & the other at Amboy, Brunswick and Elizabeth Town, So that I must beg You will be So good, as to order every thing to be Prepared for their Reception.~

I am with great regard,

Sir,

Yrs

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Govr. Bernard

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Governor Bernard Dated / Camp at Crown Point 2d. Novr. 1759. Desiring him to Order Quarters / to be prepared for the Reception of / two Regiments in the Jerseys. - / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / No. 13.

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Copy. Camp at Crown Point, 24th. October 1759.

Sir,

On the 13th. of August last, I received from His Majesty's Secretary at War, an Order of Council, of the 7th. of April, of which the enclosed is a copy together with the King's commands to comply therewith, so soon as the Service would admit of; In Obedience thereto I Seize the very first Opportunity that they could be Spared, to send You Lieut. Maine with a non commissioned Officer, and Eight Men of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, which are full sufficient to Instruct Your People in the management of their Guns and Mortars; Had I been earlier Acquainted, that You wished the People of South Carolina might be Instructed in the Art of Gunnery, I should have desired You to send some to the Army, where in One Active Campaign, they may learn Infinitely more than in several Years of Garrison duty; And if the War should Continue on this Continent, I would recommend it to You, notwithstanding this small Detachment, to send them to the Army for that purpose.

Herewith You will receive Triplicates of my Letters of the 27th. July, 8th. & 14th. of August, & 7th. October, as also a Dupliate of that of

22d. of said North: In all Six, there being two of the 27th. July.

I am, with the greatest Regard,

Sir,

&c.

Jeff: Amherst.

P.S. I beg leave to recommend to Your Care the Enclosed Letter for Govr. Ellis. ~

His Excellency Govr. Lyttelton. ~

Endorsed Copy Letter from General Amherst to Govr. Lyttelton. ~ / Dated Camp at Crown Point 24th. Octr. 1759. / That pursuant to the Kings Commands / for his Compliance with the Order of / Council of the 7th. April 1758, he Sends / him Lieut: Maine, with a non Commissiond / Officer, & Eight Men of the Artillery to / Instruct the People of South Carolina / in the Art of Gunnery ~ / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / No. 14.

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Copy/

Georgia, 20th. July 1759.

Sir,

A few days ago I had the honor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 1st. of June, Authorizing me to Establish part of a Troop of Rangers now on foot in this Province, and to draw upon the Deputy Pay Master for their Arrears and future Pay, at the same time Expressing Your Wishes that the Number of Officers & Men specifyed in Your Letter, might be sufficient for our Protection.- Sir, tho' no Man can be more Averse, to en=creasing the National Expence than Myself, at a time when Supplys are raised with such Infinite difficulty, Nevertheless I must declare, that I think four Officers and 40 Men will not be a Sufficient Security to this Province in the present Conjuncture, nor is it a Force in any de=gree adequate to the Variety of Services proposed, or our defenceless Condition. And this I Presume Your Ex=cellency will be Convinced of, when You Review my Letter of the 10th. of December last, and duly Consider the following Particulars.

The Colony has been Settled but a few Years, the Inhabitants capable of bearing Arms do not Exceed 1300 Men, and these are Scattered over a wide Ex=tent of Country, incapable of affording any Assistance

to Each Other; We are open on all Sides, without any For=
=tifications that are not in Utter ruin, destitute of
Magazines, and of Funds to Provide them; There is
no Military Force near us, except a small Detach=
=ment from One of the Independant Companies of South
Carolina, Posted on One of the Sea Islands towards
the Spaniards, nor have we any Vessel of War Sta=
=tioned on our Coasts, to hinder the Enemies Privateers
from Insulting and Plundering the Setlers.

Such, Sir, is the Naked and Exposed State of
this Barrier of the Kings Dominions on the South, Not=
=withstanding that the strong Castle of St. Augustine, and
a Numerous Garrison of Spaniards are our near Neigh=
=bours on that Side - That the great Nation of Savages,
the Creeks, Composed of near 3000 Gun Men (in whose
Territory is the French Fort of the Albamas) Join us to
the West, and on our Borders to the North West is
that Numerous Perfidious, and disaffected Nation of
Indians, the Cherokies, who have lately Committed
the greatest Excesses in the back Parts of Carolina,
and who are daily Employing their utmost Efforts
to Corrupt the Creeks, whose Neutrality alone Prevents
their openly Attacking us. All these Circumstances and
danger are, I apprehend, very sufficient reasons for me
to be Alarmed, and to deliver it as my real Opinion,
that no less than two Troops of Rangers, Consisting

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of five Officers and 70 Men Each, will be a Tolerable Security to Us, nor even those unless our Western Fort of Augusta, and those of Frederica and Fort William to the South, are Put in a better State of Repair.

It may be Proper to Inform Your Excellency that the Original Motive of setting these Rangers at all on foot, was an Embroil of the Indians and Out Setlers, which so Alarmed the Colony, that many of the Inhabitants were upon the Point of Abandoning it, and both Houses of Assembly in their Address to the Governor, beseeching him to Provide for the Pub:-lic defence upon that Occasion, gave it as their Opinion that not less than three Troops of Rangers were sufficient; Accordingly the Officers for that Number were Commissioned, the Men would also have been raised, had not my Arrival here, and Negociations with the Indians, removed the danger then impending:

The reason why such a Number of Officers were Proposed in Each Troop is this; There are sev:-eral Important Passes upon our Frontiers, where it is necessary Detachments should be constantly Sta:-tioned, and with Each, I Presume there should be an Officer, as well as with the Parties Employed on the Scouts. Now, Sir, as I apprehend Nothing could be more fatal at this Juncture to the King's Affairs,

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and these Southern Provinces, than a Rupture with these Powerfull Indian Nations, so I am persuaded such a Disposition and Augmentation of Troops as are proposed, would be most likely to prevent so great a Misfortune.—

I must further Observe to Your Excellency, in respect to the Rangers, that in the Establishment, You have been Pleased to send me, no mention is made of any Provision for Contingencies, Camp Tools, Occasional Transportation by Water, as this Country is Intersected by Numerous Rivers, nor is there any Fund allotted for Levy Money or Ammunition, which the Rangers are not Obliged to find themselves: And I am requested to Solicite Your Excellency that they may have the same Portion of Provision as is Allowed to the Men of the Independant Companies of South Carolina, the present Pay of the Rangers being represented to me as scarce sufficient to Subsist them in this dear Part of the Continent, after having Provided out of it, their Horses, Arms, and Cloathing.—

I am now, Sir, to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated in March, which thro' some unaccountable delay, came but lately to my hands, and to Assure You that I will, upon every necessary Occasion, Correspond and Cooperate with Brig.r General Stanwix, for His Majesty's Service, agreable to Your Recommendation and

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the Injunction of Mr Secretary Pitt. ~
I have the honour to be, with great Truth and Re:
=spect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's
Most Obliged and most
Obed^t. Servant.
Henry Ellis.

Endorsed Copy. Letter from Governor / Ellis to General
Amherst. / Dated Georgia 20th. July 1759. - / That not
less than two Troops of Rangers / consisting of five Of:
=ficers and Seventy / men each, were necessary for
the defence / of the Colony of Georgia, with his reasons /
for the Same. ~ / in N. Y. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 /
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Copy. Camp at Crown Point 25th. October 1759.

Sir,

As I find by Your Letter of the 20th. July received only within these few days, that You think four Officers & Forty men will not be a Sufficient Security to the Province of Georgia, in the Present Conjuncture, nor that it is a force in any Degree adequate to the Variety of Services Proposed, or to Your defenceless Condition, Which You Apprehend leaves You very Sufficient Reasons to be Alarmed and to Deliver it as Your real Opinion, that no less than two Troops of Rangers consisting of Five Officers & Seventy men each, will be a Tolerable Security to the Province I do in Consideration thereof, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, hereby Authorize You to Encrease the Troop now on Foot, to the Proposed Number of Five Officers and Seventy men; as also to raise another Troop of the like Strength, both which I hope will be Materially Conducive to the Security of the Colony.

And to Enable You to keep the Same on foot, I shall order the Dep. Paymaster Genl. at New York to honor Your Bills on him, for the Pay of the above mentioned Ten Officers and one Hundred & Forty Men agreable to the Establishment mentioned in Mine of the 1st. June with the addition of a third Lieutenant to each Troop at the rate of £4 Sterling P Month, their Pay to Commence from the dates of the Officer's Commissions,

and that of the Private Men from the days of their Several Enlistments, All Which must be Set Opposite their Names, in the Rolls You will transmit to the Depr. Pay Master Genl., Vouched as Mentioned in that Same Letter. ~

It is true that in the Establishment I Sent You No Provision is Made for Contingencies, None of the Rangers here are allowed any; Out of their Pay they find them=selves in everything but Provisions and so must those in Georgia. ~

I Shall Write to the Kings Contractor for Pro=visions at New York, that I have Directed these two Troops of Rangers to be Established, and that he must Victual them in the Same Manner, that the Carolina Inde=pendent Companies are. ~

I am with great regard,

Sir,

Your

Most Obedt. & Most Hble Servt

Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Govr. Ellis ~

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst/To Governor Ellis Dated/Camp at Crown Point 25th. Octr. 1759./In Answer to the Govrs. of 20th. July -/That/Since no less than two Troops of Rangers/of five Officers and Seventy men Each, were/absolutely necessary for the Defence of/Georgia, he might/Establish the Same, and/draw for their Pay on the Depr. Paymaster/Genl. at New York/in N. Y. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ No. 16.

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Copy.

Pittsburgh 2d. Octr. 1759.

Dear Sir,

This day an Express brought me the favour of Your two Letters of the 14th. Instx. Am farfull I have tired You with my frequent and long Letters in regard to the Insurmountable difficul:ties that attend the relieving the Garrison of Niagara from this Post, nor has it been once in my Power to effect it since I have been here, from the Obstacles I troubled You with in mine of the 17th of Sept. all which still re:=main; No Accot. of any sort from Sir Will: Johnson, of any Preparations from Niagara, to transport at any given time, such a Relief from Presq Isle to that Garrison thro' Lake Erie, nor Water in the Ohio or Le Boeuf River for the least Boat, and 'tis with the utmost difficulty that I can get bread for the Troops Tea here from hand to Mouth, not having in store this Instant more than 14 days flour, by the enclosed Return from the Commissary of Provisions, 219 Barrells, and feed here daily 2500 including Indi:=ans, accounting them 300, often more, but never yet had less; Am hopefull of a Supply of Provisions from Virginia by Red Stone Creek, down the Monongahela, having 300 Men under the direction of Colo. Byrd, Lieu:=tenant Colo. Troops, making a road from Fort Cumberland to that Place, but as it is yet not Effected, or Water at Present for the Navigation, cannot be Positive how it will turn out.—

x By mistake Inst. He must mean Ult

I have Wrote to Govr. Fauquier, agreable to Your Directions, setting forth the Evil Consequences to His Majesty's Affairs to the Southward, the disbanding the Virginia Regt. this Year, a Copy of my Letter I there trouble You with.

I mentioned to You in my last the form of the Fort building here; Capt. Gordon is now drawing a Plan of it, which as soon as done, shall transmit to You. — With You the Continuance of every Success You can desire, and beg You will believe me to be, with the greatest Sincerity,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
John Stanwix.

General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Brigr. Genl. Stanwix to M. Genl. Amherst/Dated Pittsburgh 2d. October 1759./Accompanying the Copy of a Letter he had wrote to Governor Fauquier/to Induce the Dominion of Virginia not/to reduce their Regimt. until a general/Peace or a more Settled Tranquility./The same diffi:culty of relieving/Niagara and forming Magazines of/Provisions Still Subsisting/in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/No 17.

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Copy.

Pittsburgh 14th. October 1759.

Sir,

I Had the favour of Your Letter from General Amherst, dated 14th. September, enclosing me a Copy of Your Letter to him, in regard to the Continuance of the Regiment, in the Pay of the Dominion of Virginia, and recommends it to me, to give You my thoughts on this head; After the General himself has so very Je=
=diciously said that he cannot think of diminishing this Regiment even for their own Interest, until such time as they may be perfectly Secure of their not being Called upon again, and I am so thoroughly in the Generals Opinion, that I think Reducing this fine Regiment before a General Peace, or a more Settled Tranquillity, would be the most dangerous & destructive Measure, that can possibly be pursued at this time, as well for the general Interest of this Continent, as the particular Interest of the Dominion, so Exposed on every Side. It is true I am Endeavoring to build a Strong & respectable Fort here in order to Secure (agreable to my Instructions) His Majesty's Countrys to the Southward, but, from Numberless disappoint=
=ments, too Tedious to Relate, was obliged to begin this so late, which will make it impossible to Carry the Works into such Execution, so Earnestly to be Wished for, but am hopefull to be able to build

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good Barracks for such a Number of Men as will be necessary for its defence, and hope to be so Successfull this Fall, to form (tho' Numberless difficulties) a Suf=ficient Magazine of Provisions for their Support for Six Months, from the First of January, having Opened every Passable Avenue to this Place for that Purpose; and the more incomplete the Works the more Men it will require to defend this this (sic) very Important Post. I am, Sir, &c.

John Stanwix.

Gov.r Fauquier.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Brig.r General Stanwix to Gov.r Fauquier / Dated Pittsburgh 4.th Oct.r 1759. / Enclosed in the Brig.r Letter to / General Amherst of 2.d Oct.r / in M. G. Amherst's of Dec.r 16: 1759 / N.o 18.

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To His Excellency Jeffry Amherst Esqr. Major General and Commander in Chief of all His Majestys Forces in North America, &c, &c, &c.

The Memorial of Phineas Lyman, Timothy Pug=gles, Nathan Whiting, David Wooster, Eleazer Fitch, and Abijah Willard, Commanding the Several Regiments of Provincial Forces, from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Colony of Connecticut, Employed in His Majestys Service for the Reduction of Tien=deroga, and Crown Point, the Present Year; and under Your Excellencys Command -

Humbly Shews,

That from a Consideration of the small Al=lowance made us as Say from the Governments to which We belong, it is easy to conclude We were In=duced by Other Motives to Engage in said Service: We do Assure Your Excellency, that it was by None stronger than a Zeal for His Majestys Honor and Interest, and the Welfare of Our Country; And as by Your Wisdom, and Discreet Command (Which We Pray God and Our King may be Continued, and Enlarged, as long as His Majesty has an Enemy left) the French are Entirely Dispossessed of a Large Tract of Land Southward of a Line from Crown Point to Number 4, which will not be of much Value, unless Inhabited; In Order to give the strongest Assurances

of Our Loyalty, and Zeal, for the Service aforesaid, We beg leave to Offer Our further Service for the Settlement of a Township, by each Battalion, at Proper Distances; making the Newbut Road, the Centre of each Township, as the most Effectual way of Preventing the Incursions of the Indians into Our Country; If His Majesty would be graciously Pleased to make Grants of said Lands of the same Tenure of East Greenwich in Kent, and Afford such other Encouragment as His Wisdom will Direct; which We Humbly Apprehend will facilitate the Settlement of the large Tract of Lands, within those Townships, and be of Advantage to Our Posterity; — And We flatter Ourselves that Your Excellency will Known Zeal for His Majesty's Service will Plead our Excuse for giving You the Trouble of Laying our Humble Proposals before His Majesty, for His Gracious Acceptance.

Ephm. Lyman
Timo. Ruggles
Nathan Whiting
David Wooster
& Fitch
Abijah Willard.

Crown Point Camp. Novemb.r 10.th 1759. Copy.

Endorsed Copy/Memorial of/Phineas Lyman, Timothy Ruggles,/ Nathan Whiting, David Wooster, /Eleazer Fitch and Abijah Willard,/ Commanding the Several Regts. of the/Prov.l Forces from the Province of the/ Massachusetts Bay & Colony of/Connecticut, to General Amherst./Dated Crown Point Camp.t 10.th Nov.r 1759./Proposals for Settling the new road/from Crown Point to No.4. upon certain/Encouragment, therein mentioned, /which they beg of the Gen.l to lay before/the King. —/in M.G. Amherst's of Dec.r 16: 1759/ No. 20.

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Copy// To Phineas Lyman, Timothy Ruggles, Nathan Whiting, David Wooster, Eleazar Fitch, and Abijah Willard, Colonels, commanding the Several Regiments of Pro=-=vincial Forces, from the Province of the Massachu=-=setts Bay, and Colony of Connecticutt Employed in this Present Year.

Gentlemen

Your readiness and Alacrity, for Promoting the good of the Service, upon all Occasions, during the Course of this Campaign, are Sufficient Testimonies that You were Indu=-=ced to Engage into it, tho's no other Motives, than that of Zeal for His Majesty's Honor and Interest, and the Welfare of Your Country, Which are Sentiments so Commendable, and that will give Our Royal Master so much Plea=-=sure, that I Should be wanting to the King, and not do You Justice, were I to Neglect laying them before His Majesty, Which You may be Assured I Shall do, by the very first Opportunity that Shall Offer, When I Shall likewise transmit Your Memorial, Setting forth, that as the French are entirely dispossessed, of a large tract of Land Southward of a Line from Crown Point to N°. 4, Which will not be of much Value unless Inhabited; And that in order to give the Strongest Assurances, of Your Loyalty and Zeal, You beg leave to Offer Your further Service, for the Set=-=tlement of a Township, by each Battalion at Proper dis=-=tances, making the new cutt road, the Centre of

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each Township, as the most effectual way of preventing the Incursions of the Indians, into Your Country; Which Offer I look upon so advantagious, to that Country in general, as well as a Reward due to Your Loyalty and Zeal, that I Shall be happy in procuring You, the Encouragements Ne=: =cessary thereto, Which I am willing to hope will be granted. –

I am with the greatest truth,

Gentlemen

Yrs

Jeff: Amherst

Camp at Crown Point
10th November 1759

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Phineas Lyman, Timothy Ruggles / Nathan Whiting, David Wooster / Eleazar Fitch & Elijah Willard, Colonels / Commanding the Several Regts of / Provincial Forces from the Province of / the Massachusetts Bay and Colony / of Connecticutt, employed in this / present Year. / Camp at Crown Point 10th Novr. 1759. / In Answer to their Memorial of this date; That he will lay the Same before / His Majesty, that he Shall be happy in / procuring them the necessary Encouragemts / thereto and that he is hopefull they will / be granted. / Lr. M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / No: 21.

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à Montreal le 28. 8bre. 1759.

Monsieur,

Les Prisonniers Anglais que j'ai en mon pouvoir par-
-ticulierement le Major Grant, & autres Officiers des Troupes
& Milices de S. M. B. desirent avec raison leur liberté, Je
m'y serois deja prêté avec plaisir si Je n'avois été retenu
par les circonstances. Je suis même persuadé que c'est
cette raison qui a obligé Votre Excellence à éluder la lib-
-erté des Officiers, & autres Prisonniers Français qu'elle
a à sa disposition; mais la Saison avancée annonçant la
fin de la Campagne, Je pense, Monsieur, que vous ne désirés
pas moins que moi de faire une change respectif. C'est dans
cette confiance que j'ai fait rassembler tous vos Prisonniers,
ils sont au Nombre de 16. Officiers, & environ 200 Soldats,
Miliciens &a. J'y joindrai même plusieurs femmes. Je les
frai rendre incessamment sur nos frontieres, d'ou Je vous
les frai passer sitôt que Je saurai par la reponse de Votre
Excellence qu'elle me renverra aussitôt, un pareil Nombre
d'Officiers de même grade, de Soldats & de Miliciens francois.
Comme vous en avés, Monsieur, Beaucoup au dela J'ai
l'honneur de vous proposer de me les renvoyer tous la Cour
de france tiendra Compte de L'excident à celle d'Angleterre,
conformement au Traité fait entre les Rois nos Maîtres.
J'ai vu par les Lettres que Votre Excellence a écrites
à M. le Mis de Montcalm qu'elle vouloit l'exécuter
aussi inviolablement que moi; Si cependant vous

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trouvées quelque difficulté à ma proposition, Je vous Prie, Monsieur, de faire tirer au sort les Officiers francois et Bana=
=diens, a fin qu'ils ne puissent se Plaindre entr'eux d'aucune Préference. ~

Quoique suivant le Traité le S. Curot Garde Magazin, et le S. Adhémar, Commis du Munitionnaire, qui ont été Pris à Niagara, ne Puissent être Prisonniers, néanmoins si leur renvoy étoit susceptible de dificulté, Je vous Prie, Monsieur, de Vouloir bien comprendre ces deux employés dans l'échange en question ayant à rendre compte de leur administration.

Je n'ai pas ignoré, Monsieur, le bon traitement que Votre Excellence a accordé aux Officiers et Autres Prisonniers de cette Colonie. ceux de Votre Nation Pourront vous dire à leur retour que J'en ai constamment Usé de même à leur égard.

Ci joint quelques Lettres que vos Mrs. m'ont remises Quelques autres à Cacheter volant Pour nos Mrs. ~

J'ai l'honneur d'être, avec la Plus haute Consid=
=eration,

Monsieur,

Votre très humble & très

Obeissant Serviteur.

Vaudreiiil.

Son Excellence le Général Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from the Marquis de Vaudreuil to General Amherst. Dated Montreal 25th. October 1759. Proposing a general Exchange, or if not, One for the Number of English Prisoners in Canada being 161 Of=
=ficers and about 200 men in M. G. Amherst's of Dec. 16: 1759 N° 22.

Copie / du Camp de trois Pointes 2d. Novembre 1759.

Monsieur,

Ci joint Copie de ma Lettre du 10. Septembre à Mor. le Mis. de Montcalm, par laquelle vous verrés, Monsieur, que je ne desire rien plus que de procurer la liberté aux Officiers et autres Prisonniers Anglais en Canada, ainsi qu' aux Officiers des Troupes & Milices de S. M. T. C. en mon Pouvoir; je m'etois même attendu, sur cette Lettre, que ceux du Roy mon Maître auroient étés renvoyés avant ce tems ci, attendu que Mor. de Montcalm m'avoit fait prévoir qu'apres le 15e. du Mois Passé il y auroit de la difficulté à faire le trajet du Lac Champlain; moyennant quoi j'avois donné Ordre pour qu'on fasse raprocher les Vôtres des Frontieres, et je les attend de jour à Autres, ainsi que Vôtre Excellence peut, si Elle le juge apropos, m'envoyer tout de Suite les Seize Officiers et deux cent Soldats dont Elle fait mention, Et aussitôt que les Vôtres seront arrivés icy, je vous en renverrés un pareil Nombre et de même grade. — Si j'avois en mon Pouvoir des femmes du Canada, je vous les Enverrois, pour celle que Vôtre Excellence se propose d'ajouter à Son Envoy, mais comme je n'en ai point, je la dois sçavoir gré de La Complaisance, et de l'en remercier.

Pour eviter tout differends entres les Officiers françois & Canadiens, je Suivrai Exactement le Cartel, en vous renvoiant pour Chaque Officier de nos Troupes

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reglées, un Officier de même grade des Troupes reglées de S. M. T. C. et ainsi des Miliciens.

A l'egard des S.rs Turot & Adhémar, l'un Garde Maga=-zin, & l'autre Commis des Munitionnaires, que Votre Ex=-cellence reclamé en Vertu du Cartel, sans Echange, rien n'est plus juste, et ils vous seront renvoyés. ~

L'Excedent de vos Prisonniers qui me resteront aprés cette Echange, je les enverrés, comme je l'avois marqué à M. le Marquis de Montcalm, en Paquebot en France. ~

Je feré tenir les Lettres pour vos Messieurs, ainsi que les Autres dont vous vous étés bien voulu Charger; ci Joint vous en trouverez quelqués Unes de Vos Messieurs à leurs Amis en Canada. ~

J'ai l'honneur d'etre, avec la plus haute Con=-sideration, Monsieur,

Votre très humble, et très

Obissant Serviteur.

Jeff: Amherst.

P. S. Je vous renvoye quelques Lettres à M. de Ligneris, qui est Mort de Sa Blessure à Niagara. ~

S. E. M.r. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil. ~

Endorsed Copy Letter from Geneal Amherst/to the Marquis de Vaudreuil./Dated Camp at Crown Point 2.d Nov.r 1759./In Answer to the Marq.l of 28.th Oct.r/That he may Send the 16 Officers and/200 Men, as Soon as he Pleases, as he/(the Gen.l)will Send for the like Number/of their Prisoners immediately; that the/Remainder he will Send to France./in M.r Y. Amherst's of Dec.r 16. 1759/ N.o 23.

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Copy. List of the French Prisoners Sent to Canada in Ex=
=change for Ours returned from thence.

Officers

Regts	Names	Ranks
Bearn	Pouchot	Captains
La Sarre	Vilar	
R.l Roussillon	Serviez	
Guienne	Bonreau	
La Reine	Benard	Lieut.s
Guienne	La Rochelle	
D.o	Morambert	
Bearn	Salvignac	
	Joubert	
La Marine	Chabert	
	Morandiere	
	Chev.r Le Mercinay	

Militia

Names	Ranks
De Quindre	Colonel
La Motte	Major
Curot	Garde Magazin
D'orner	Surgeon,

La Sarre	Granet	Cadets
	Grenillac	
La Marine	Fontenay	

Sergeants, Corporals, Drums, & Privates.

Regulars	53	
Marine	35	
Canadians	107	111
Chief Carpenter of Niagara	1	
Three Coms.s	3	
Servants	7	
Women	2	
	208	
3 Cadets as ment.d above	3	
	211	

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Extract/. Camp of Crown Point Novem^r. 21st. 1759 ~

Dear Sir

So Soon as I heard from Brig^r. Genl. Monckton the Destination of the Troops Serving up the River S^t. Laurence, I immediately wrote to Governor Pownall to Desire provision might be made for the Massachusetts Troops, that they might Remain in their Garrisons during the winter, or till I could Relieve them with the Remains of this Army, I immediately after Received a Letter from Govr. Pownall, Acquainting me with the Measures the Assembly had Taken (so Judiciously and wisely Timed) Which gave me great Satisfaction, as I foresaw it can hardly be Practicable for me to Relieve them by the Remainder of this Army, While the Season will permit besides that the number of Forts and Posts are so increased that I shall not have a Sufficiency of Troops remaining to replace the Provincials with the few men I Shall have left if I properly Garrison the Places here. Yesterday Evening I have received another Letter from Govr. Pownall a Copy of Which as likewise Copys of the forementioned ones I send You that You may be fully informed of every thing that has passed on this affair, and I have only to add that nothing can Prove more the necessity of the Provincial Troops remaining to do duty in the Garrisons, till they can be relieved, than the Assembly of the Province having previously to my

Application lengthened the Establishmt. and taken all the precautions to Supply their men, with what would be requisite for them in the Winter. They have Judged very rightly, that the Abandoning any of the Garrisons may be Attended with most fatal Consequences to this Country, and as they have made a necessary Pro:=vision for the men to Continue during the Winter, if the men do not Stay and Serve Voluntarily, they must be Compelled to it by force. ~

Jeff: Amherst

Brig.r General Laurence

Endorsed Extract Letter from Major General Amherst to Brig.r Gen.l Laurence/ Dated Camp at Crown Point 21.st Nov.r 1759./ in M. G. Amherst's of Dec.r 16. 1759/ N.o 31.

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Copy/. Camp at Crown Point 15th. Novemr. 1759.

Sir,

I have this moment received a Letter from Brig.r General Monckton, bearing date at Quebec the 25th. Sept.r Timber last, Acquainting me that from the Strength of the Army under his Command he don't think there is a Man more, than Ought to Stay at that Place., from whence I Conclude, he will not, as it was my orders to Major Gen.r eral Wolfe, have Relieved the Garisons up the Bay of Fundy, consisting of the Troops of the Massachusett's Bay; Which gives me a great deal of Concern: I hope however, altho' he does not mention it to me, that he has either given You notice of it, or has wrote to Brig.r Lawrence relative thereto, in order for him to do it; as it would be of the utmost bad Consequence to leave those Posts without Troops, of Which doubtless the Enemy would not fail, to avail them.r selves, by coming to Seize upon them with Impunity: to prevent Which if it has not already been done I must beg the favor of You to represent, to Your Assembly the fatal Effects, this leaving those Posts naked and defenceless, would be Attended with; and to move them to make a further Provision, for Such of their Troops as are there for the Whole Winter, or that I can relieve them with the remains of this Army, After having Garri.r soned the necessary Posts Which I flatter myself, they will out of their known Zeal for His Majesty, and

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the good of the Publick Cause readily and chearfully comply with: And I must beg the favor of You, that so Soon, as You have obtained their Assent, to this so necessary & Pressing Measure, You will be Pleased to Cause the Same to be Signified, to every one of the Commanding Officers of those different Posts, for them to Communicate it to their men, Who upon this Emergency, will I dare say gladly Stay. –

I am with the greatest regard,

Sir,

Yr.

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Governor Pownall

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / to Governor Pownall, Dated / Camp at Crown Point 15th. Novr. 1759. / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16. 1759 / N°. 32.

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Copy.

Boston, Novem^r. 11th 1759 -

Sir,

I Begg leave to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your favor of the 22^d. by the way of New York, and of the 25th. by my Courier.

The Gratitude of the Country must and does Acknowledge itself greatly oblig'd to Your Services that have Secured to them such Acquisitions as they can maintain, and as will Cover and maintain the King's Dominions, and fix the British Empire in America upon a real and lasting Basis, which will Support it. Your Kindness to the Troops of this Province, is what demands our most gratefull Acknowledgments, and it is with equal Truth and Pleasure, that I now make them to You, in the Name of the General Court, who, in an Address to me, have begg'd leave to express the Same. I am very happy in Being such an Assured Confidence in You growing amongst my People every day, it has been my study to Plant, and it shall be my care to Cultivate it. - I have sent an Officer up to the County of Hampshire to Pay to Our Soldiers, Two Pence Sterling per Man, per diem, for as many days Travel as Your Officer shall Say them Four Pences. - The necessity of detaining the Troops at Quebec, has brought on the necessity of my Province Troops being detained at the

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several Posts of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, beyond the time for which those that were Enlisted, were Enlisted, and those that were Impressed, were Im=
=pressed: This brought on the Necessity of going into a Measure of the most delicate & Perilous kast. By the Extract of that Part of my Message relating to this Matter, You will See how I Waved the point of their detainure, and put the Necessity of their Continu=
=ance (even upon a Supposition of their being to be relieved) upon the length of time it must take to make a new des=
=tination of Troops to relieve them, &c; the Court had Prudence enough to Understand the meaning of this, and waiving the point of the detainure also, so far as they could in decency, have Voted Pay for the Troops during their Continuance in the Winter Season, or till such time as they shall be relieved; and as an Encouragment they have Voted a Blanket to each of them, and advanced two Months Pay to such of the Soldiers familys as may be neces=
=sitous and want it. They have indeed Used, and could not avoid, the Expression, in Confidence of the Men's being con=
=tent to Stay. But as I imagine, altho in the Regular Ser=
=vice, You do oftentimes Enlist Men for a certain term, Yet should that Term Expire during the Continuance of any Important Service, as You find no dificulty in rendering the Men content to Stay the Service thro', so You will find no difficulty in making the Provincial Troops of this Government

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intent to stay the Winter Season, or until they can be relieved.

As I Understand that the Barracks in the Forts at Annapolis, Fisiquid, and Chignecto, want Beds, rather than make any Puzzle of Writing backwards and forwards, and disputing whose duty it was to Supply the Troops in said Garrisons with Beds (the Men suffering in the meanwhile) I recommended it to my Assembly to Provide Beds; they have done it accordingly, and I have Ordered them to be sent down; Nevertheless as I Provide Beds for all the Regular Troops Quartered in my Province, I hope those, with whom it lyes, will reimburse me this Expence of providing Beds for my own Troops Quartered in Garrison of another Province, or at least when the Men come away, You will give Order that I may have my Beds again.

I have the Honor to be, with the highest Esteem,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient

& most humble Servant

J Pownall.

His Excellency Majr. General Amherst.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Pownall /to General Amherst./
Dated Boston, 11th. Novemr. 1759. /in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759./
No. 33.

Extract of Governor Pownall's Message to the Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay. —

"You had at my Recommendation, made very Proper Provision, for the forwarding to their respective homes, those of the Provincee Forces, Which were expected from the East=ward, From the Necessity of Securing the Important Ac=quisition of Quebec, and that That Conquest may hold the rest of Canada in Subjection, It became Necessary to leave there, the Whole of the little Army Which took it; These were the Troops that were destined to relieve this Provincee Troops, in the Several Garrisons and Forts of Cape Breton, and Nova Scotia; Others must be now Destined for that Service — But from the time to Which it is most likely, the Campaign will Continue at the Westward, and from the time, that an Embarkation of Such Troops, as may be Destined to Relieve ours, will take, together with the length, and uncertainty of the Voy=age of those Troops to the Several Posts, and of Ours home, it must be certainly between Two and three Months before We can expect to See our People here. I must therefore most earnestly Recommend to You, to make Pro=vision, that our People, may not Suffer in the Mean while. You will therefore not only make further Pro=vision for their Pay, but take care that they may have, What is Comfortable and Necessary for their health, Cloathing and Lodging during these cold Winter Months.

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And that the Families of these poor Souldiers may not be deprived of the benefit, Which they would have Received from the Day, as well as of the Comfort of Seeing their Friends return in the beginning of Winter, I must Recommend to Your Charitable Consideration, the Con=dition of many of these poor Families". —

Endorsed Extract of Govr. Pownall's / Message to the As=sembly of the / Province of the Massachusetts / Bay. — / Enclosed in the Govr's to Genral / Amherst of 11th. Novr. 1759 — / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / N°. 34.

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Copy /.

Boston Novr. 13th. 1759. ~

Sir

Last night I Received Letters from Halifax the enclosed is one amongst many Circular ones from Lord Colvill I had also a Letter from General Lawrence acquainting me that he had Received from me Notice that the Establishment for the Massachusett Troops at Halifax was lengthen'd out But that the men have absolutely refuse to do duty Since the 1st. of Novr. All that is left in my hands as Governor or in the Power of the Government of the Province is that of lengthening out the Establishment ~ The men are under the Command of the Commander in chief or Such as he Shall Appoint, I do therefore think this Case requires the Interposition of that Power ~

I am with great respect

Sir

Hble

J Pownall

His Excellency Genl. Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from Gov. Pownall / To General Amherst Dated / Boston Novemr. 13th. 1759. ~ / in Mb. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16. 1759 / No. 35.

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Camp at Crown Point 19th. Novemr. 1759.

Sir,

As Soon as I found, that the Garrisons up the Bay of Funda, could not be relieved, Which gave me real Con= =cern, I immediately made Application to You, to move Your Assembly, to make further Provision, for their Troops, that Occupy those Several Posts, during the Winter, or until I could relieve them; And from Your and their (the Assembly) known Zeal for His Majesty, and the good of the Publick Cause I Doubted not a Moment, but they would chearfully and readily Acquiesce, to this unforeseen, Urgent, and pressing Necessity; but I must own I had no reason to Expect this measures being Consented to before my request (of the 15th. Instant) could reach You, how agreably therefore I was Surprised, last Night, upon the Receipt of Your favor of the 11th. I leave You to Judge It merits and has my most unfeigned Acknowledgments Which I must beg of You to Accept, and Tender likewise to the Assembly; Assuring them at the Same time, that notwithstanding the Provision they have made, if it is any ways in my Power to relieve their Troops before the Expiration of the time they are Provided for by their Vote, I Shall certainly do it. Mean while both Yourself and they may Depend that this new Mark of Your Loyalty and Affection, for His Majesty, and un= =wearied Endeavours for Promoting his Service, Shall, by

the very first Opportunity, be laid before the Kings Minis=
=ters, Who I doubt not will in Return Signify to You
His Majesty's most gracious Approbation thereof. –

Nothing is more reasonable, than what You Men=
=tion, in relation to the Beds, You have Procured for Your
men, and I Shall write to Govr. Lawrence in Con=
=sequence thereof. –

I am with the greatest regard,

Sir,

Yrs

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Govr. Pownall

Endorsed Copy / Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Governor
Pownall Dated / Camp at Crown Point 19th. Novr. 1759 /
in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / Nº. 36

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Copy/ Camp at Crown Point 21st. Novemr. 1759.

Sir,

Yesterday in the afternoon Arrived Weir the Ex:=
=Press, with Your favor of the 13th. Instt. and one therein
Enclosed from Lord Colvill to me, for both Which I
Return You my thanks; and as I wrote so fully to You
a few Hours before Yours came to my hands, I
Shall only add, that I Shall by this opportunity
write to Brigr. Genl. Laurence, upon the Subject
Matter of it.

I am with the greatest regard -

Sir

Yr

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Govr. Fauquier

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst/ To Governor
Fauquier Dated/ Camp at Crown Point 21st. Novr. 1759./
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Copy To His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major General, and Commander in Chief of all His Ma:=jesty's Forces in North America &ca. &ca. &ca.

The Memorial of Major Brigade Capt. Philip Skene of His Majesty's 27th. or Inniskilling Regimt. Comd. by The Hon.ble Lord Blakeney.

Humbly Sheweth,

As His Majesty has been at great Expence in Maintaining His Just Rights in America, against His Enemys, and has now got possession of Large Tracts of Land, Capable of making good Settlements, Your Memorialist pro:=poses the Settlement of a Tract of said Land, agreable to the Boundary herewith presented, on the Waters of South Bay, &ca, by the Importation of Loyal Subjects to the Crown of Great Britain, and Allowing Leases for Ever to such of His Majesty's Troops, that may be Discharged at the Close of the War, and will Chuse to Settle on said Tract of Land. —

That Your Memorialist must Expend much of his private Fortune, and therefore begs Your Excellency would be Pleased to Represent it to His Majesty, in Order to Obtain a Patent for said Lands, with such Priviledges & Incouragements as His Majesty's Wisdom may direct, which is humbly

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Submitted to Your Excellency,
By Your most Oblig'd and
most Obedient Humble Servant.
Philip Skene

Crown Point Camp
the 10th. of Novr. 1759.

The Boundarys of a Tract of Land which Major of
Brigade Skene Memorials for

From the South of East Bay to the Head of South Bay, from the Head of South Bay to the Garrison Land at Fort Edward, from Fort Edward Garrison Land to the Head of Wood Creek, from Wood Creek to the Easternost part of East River, taking all the River within the Line, from the Easternost part of East River to the Narrows of Indian Camp Pond (which Pond Emptys itself into East River) from thence to the Head of the first of the two large Creeks Bearing Easterly, from thence to the Head of the second large Creek Bearing Northerly, from second large Creek bear:ing Northerly to the South of the Creek opposite Tienderoga, and from thence to the Waters of the first mentioned Bounds —

Philip Skene

Crown Point Camp ye 10th. of Novr. 1759.

Endorsed Copy./Memorial of Major of/Brigade Skene to Genl. Amherst/with the Boundarys of a Tract of/Land he therein prays for./Crown Point Camp 10th. Novr. 1759 —/in M. G. Amherst's of Dec. 16: 1759/ No. 38.

Copy. Return of Guns, Ammunition & Stores, Found on board the Three French Sloops; taken on Lake Champlain.

On Board Maichironga.

8 Iron Guns, 4 Pounders with Carriages Complete
9 Musketts English.
3 Case of Pistols
5 Swivel Guns
3 Bayonets
36 - 4 pound Shott
57 Swivel Shott
About 700 lb Muskett Ball
40 Hand Granadoes
2 Crow Barrs
2 Small Old Copper Kettles
1 Sett of Standing & Running Rigging, with all the Sails Complete
2 Small Anchors
1 Cable
1 Hawser

On Board the Pike

6 Iron Guns - 4 Pounders with Carriages Complete
2 Swivel Guns
9 Musketts English
210 - 4 Pound Shott
110 - 2 Pound Shott

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2 Small Keggs of Muskett Ball, about 300 lb.

About 300 lb Muskett Ball Loose.

90 Hand Grenades

14 Old Hatchetts

1 Sett of Standing & Running Rigging, with all the Sails complete.

2 Pieces of Cables

2 Half Coils of Spare Rope

On Board the Sturgeon

6 Iron Guns, 4 Pounders, with Carriages Complete.

4 Swivel Guns

3 Blunderbusses

1 Wall Piece

18 Musketts English

60 - 12 Pound Shott

72 - 32 lb Shott

16 - 13 Inch Shells

17 - 10 Inch Shells

37 - 8 Inch Shells

1 - Barrell Powder Nett

1 Iron Pott

A Few Spare Hooks & Thimbles

1 Speaking Trumpet

1 Sett of Standing & Running Rigging, with all the Sails complete

1 Coil of Spare Rope

Endorsed Copy Return of Guns, Ammunition and Stores, found on board the three French Sloops, taken on Lake Champlain 1759 - / in M.G. Amherst's of Dec. 16: 1759 / N: 39.

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Proportion of Ord'nance and Stores for Service of the Garrison at Crown Point . . . 15th November 1759.

Ordnance mounted on their Carriages, wth Arms Complete	Brass . .	12 Pounders . .	6
		6 D^o . . .	2
	Iron . . .	18 Pounders . .	7
		9 D^o . . .	4
		6 D^o . . .	12
		4 D^o . . .	4
Mortars wth their Beds	Iron . . .	13 Inch . . .	2
		10 D^o . . .	2
	Brass —	5 1/2 D^o . . .	4
Howitzers mounted	Iron —	8 Inch . . .	2
Fixt Ammunition	Round —	12 Pounders . .	740
		6 D^o . . .	438
	Tin Cases —	12 Pounders . .	432
		6 D^o . . .	490.
Tin Case Shott without Powder . .		6 D^o . . .	390.
Shott . . .	Round .	12 Pounders . .	1200.
		18 D^o . . .	1045
		9 D^o . . .	393.
		6 D^o . . .	116
		4 D^o . . .	700
	Grape quilted	18 Pounders . .	60
		9 D^o . . .	184
		4 D^o . . .	150
		8 Inch Howitz^r .	22

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Paper Cartridges filled		18 Pounder	68
		9 D	46
		6 D	91
Empty Paper Cartridges		18 Pounders	470
		9 D	120
		4 D	204
Shells	First	13 Inch	20
		10	10
		5½	170
	Unfit	13 Inch	168
		10	390
		8	400
		5½	830
Carcasses	First	13 Inch	2
		18 D	18
		8 D	12
Carriages	Spare	18 Pounders	Garrison 2
		12 D	Travelling 1
		Block	1
		Sling	1
Cartouches of Leather		12 Pounders	6
		6 D	2
Triangle Eyes		Compleat	1
Miners Tools		Sets	6
Sand Baggs		Bushell	3000
		Half D	17000

Budge Barrells	Copper Hoops . .	10
Tann'd Hides		10
Sheep skins		10
Sponge Sacks		400
Cloths	Oyl	10
	Hair	3
Punches for the Vents of Guns		20
Hammers		6
Spikes for Nailing Guns		12
Priming Irons		12
Powder Measures . from ℔ to ¼ Ounce Setts .		3
Corrid Powder .. Copper Hoopd Barrells . .		215
Common Match	℔	3
Linstocks	With Locks . .	8
	Without D° . .	7
Powder Horns		10
Hand screws	Large . . .	1
	Small . . .	1
Tallow in lieu of Grease .	Firkins . . .	1/2
Junk made up into Wadds of Sorts	℔	3
Crows of Iron		5
Handspikes for the Heavy Guns & Mortars .		60
Nails	40 Penny . .	500
	20 D°. . .	2000
	10 D°. . .	2000
	4 D°. . .	2000

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Harness	Horse	Thill Setts	20
	Mules 12 to a Sett	Do	20
Funnels of Plate			2
Spare Clouts		of Sorts	20
Twist Marline		Skains	7
Hambro Line		Do	5
Lanthorns		Mercury	2
		Tin	2
		Dark	2
Steel		Lbs	50
Iron Melting Saddle			1
Chalk		Lbs	14
Bar Lead		Do	50
Forge Cart			1

Laboratory Stores

Machine for Drawing Fuzes		1
Mealed Powder	Lb	30
Long Small Portfires	Dozens	12
Fuzes fixt	13 Inch	200
	10 Do	450
	8 Do	450
	5½ Do	1000
Paper	Five Rhms	5
	Cannon Quires	5
Spare Flannel Cartridges	12 Pounders	100
	6 Do	300

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Port fire Sticks		8
Boxes for Tin Tubes	12 Pounders	8
	6 D°	3
Tin Tubes fixt	12 Pounders	1300
	6 D°	700
Kitt	℔s	20
D° Brushes		6
Flax	℔s	12
Canvas fine for Capping Fuzes	Yards	12
Quick Match	℔s	20
Rasps of Sorts		9
Pincers	Pairs	4
Knives	Laboratory	6
	Drawing	2
Scissars	Pairs	6
Brass Quadrants		1
Kitt Kettle and Trivet	Each	1
Brass Scales and Weights Setts		1
Hand hooks	Pairs	3
Salting Boxes	Copper	2
	Tin	1
Funnels for filling Shells	Copper	2
	Tin	1
Tennant Saws		2
Lead Plummets		6
	1.3 Inch	1

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Mallets and Setters	10 D.	2
	8 D.	2
	5½ D.	2
Scrapers for Shells	of Sorts	4
Perpendicular		1
Twine	Lbs	6
Large Union Flaggs		2
Hand grenadoes	fixt	200

For the Troops. ~

Musquet Cartridges with Ball . . 100000.

Flints	Musquet	2100.	
	Carbine	600	
Ball	Carbine	3	Boxes of 100 Weight each. ~
	Buck	5	

Musquets with Bayonits & Cartouch Boxes compl.a 300,

Thomas Ord

Major & Comr. Offr. R: Artillery Northwards. ~

Endorsed Copy Proportion of/ Ordinance and Stores for Service/ of the Garrison at Crown Point/ 15th. Novr. 1759/ in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ N°. 40.

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Remain of Ordnance Ticonderoga

Heavy Brass Ordnance, Mounted on Travelling Carriages	24 Pdrs.	6
Howitzers Brass Mounted on Travelling Carriages	8 Inch	2
Brass Mortars with their Beds	5½ Inch	2
Ordnance Iron on Garrison and Truck Carriages	18 Pdrs.	2
	13 D°.	7
	9 D°.	6
	6 D°.	2
	4 D°.	8
	Swivels	2
Dismounted Unserviceable	6 Pdrs.	1
Mortars Iron with Iron Beds	13 Inch	1
	6 D°	1

Thomas Ord

Major & Comm^d. Off^r. R. Art^y.

Northwards

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-oga 1759./in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/N°. 11.

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Abstract of Guns and Principal Stores for Service of the Garison at Fort George 30th November 1759. ~

Ordnance	Light Brass	6 Pr.	2
	Iron	4 Pr.	6
	Swivels	½ D	6
Howitzer Iron		7 Inch	1
Fixt for 6 Pounds	Tin Case fixt		200
	Round D°		200
Round Shott loose	4 Pounds		200
	½ D°		200
Grape Shott Quilted	4 D°		36
	½ D°		120
Tin Tubes fixt	6 D°		150

Thomas Ord

Major & Comm.t Off.r R: Artil.y

Northwards.

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Copy - Abstract of Guns, Mortars Howitzers, and Principal Stores, for Service of the Garrison of Fort Edward . . . . 30th. November 1759.

Ord'nance	Brass	12 Pounders	4	
		6 D°.	3	
		3 D°.	2	
	Iron	9 Pounders	2	
		4 D°.	3	
		Swivels	6	
Mortars	Brass	10 Inch	2	
		8 D°	2	
Howitzers	Brass	8 Inch	2	
		5½ D°.	2	
	Iron	8 Inch	1	
Shott	Round fixt	12 Pound°.	1056	
		6 D°.	36	
		3 D°.	188	
	Case fixt	12 Pounder	32	
		6 D°.	36	
		3 D°.	235	
Shott	Round Loose	32 Pounder	7	
		18 D°.	6	
		9 D°.	331	
		6 D°.	846	
		4 D°.	175	
		18 Pounder	168	

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	Grape Quilted	6 D.	179
		4 D	40
		Swivels	128
		8 Inch Howitzers	80
Shells	Empty	10 Inch	389
		8 D.	565
		5½ D	377
Shells	fixt	10 Inch	29
		5½ D	16
Tin Tubes	fixt	24 Pounders	160
		12 D.	400
		6 D.	250
		3 D.	200
Fuzes fixt :		10 Inch	430
		8 D.	450
		5½ D	444

Corr'd Powder - Copper Hoop'd -- Barrls - 154

Fire Engine with Suction Pipes, Leather hose, Brass Screws &c ~ Compleat - - - 1

NB: 196 Barrells of Powder Ordered from Fort George to be Added to the Above.

Thomas Ord
Major & Comm.g Off.r R. Art.y Northwards.

Endorsed Copy / Abstract of Guns, / Mortars, Howitzers & Princi=pal / Stores for Service of the Garrison / of Fort Edward ~ 30th. Nov.r 1759 ~ / in M. G. Amherst's of Dec.r 16: 1759. / N.o 43.

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Copy/ By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major General and Commander in chief of all His Ma:=jesty's Forces in North America &c, &c, &c. —

To The Present Commandant of the Fortress and Dependent Forts of Crown Point, and those that Shall hereafter Succeed him as Such.

As the Possession of the Important Post of Crown Point, has put a Stop to the frequent Incur:=sions of the Enemy, On His Majesty's Subjects, Who were Settled on the Hudson's River, and have been drove from their Dwellings, by Partys of Savages, Who have Infested the Whole Country, between this and Albany, by this Post and Ticonderoga being in the hands of the Enemy, Which nothing could have Prevented, but the Dispossessing the Enemy of these Places, Which has been Effected.

That His Majesty's Subjects may Return to their habitations, and enjoy their Properties in Peace and quiet, and that it may not be in the Power of the Enemy ever to take Possession again of this Post—

I have thought it my duty to Erect a For:=tress, with Dependent Forts, and Block houses, and as I Judge it absolutely necessary, for the good of His Majesty's Service and the Defence of the Place,

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that a certain Space of ground be Allotted round the Fortress and Forts, so that no Person, Whatsoever, Shall from the date hereof raise any Buildings of any kind, or make any fences or any Alterations of any part of the ground within the limits, unless it be by order or Consent of the Commanding Officer of the Fort.

I Do hereby Declare and Order, that the Line on Which three Block houses are built; Viz. Windsor, Richmond, and Riverhead, running South South East, from the head of the bay to the Lake, and measuring from the bay to the Lake, Two Miles and One Hundred and twenty Yards, is a part of the boundary, and that all the ground comprehended to be between that and the Fortress, and round the Fortress bounded by that Line, the bay and Lake, as likewise as much of the Ground on the Isthmus on the other Side of the Lake, bearing North from the Grenadier Fort as is within the distance of Fifteen hundred Yards from the said Fort, is allotted for the use and defence of the Garrison, and that no Dis=
=pute may hereafter arise concerning the above Limits, the Block house Windsor next the bay, bears from Gage's light Infantry Fort South, South west Measu=
=ring One Mile three Quarters and Sixty Yards; The Block house Riverhead next the Lake bears nearly due South from the King's Bastion of the Fortress measuring three Miles one Quarter and twenty Yards=

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This order is to be Delivered to the next Com=
=manding Officer, for the time to come, Who will Strictly
Observe and Obey the Same, and will deliver it to the
Officer, Who Shall next relieve him, and so to be hand=
=ed down from one Commanding Officer to the other
for ever, Who are all hereby required to pay Strict
Obedience to the above Orders, as I Judge them un=
=doubtedly requisite for the good of His Majesty's Service,
the Defence of the Fortress and Forts and the Pro=
=tection of His Majesty's Dominions. —

Given in Camp at Crown Point this
24th. day of November 1759.

Endorsed Copy General Amherst's/ Instructions/
To the Commandant/ of the Fortress & dependent
Forts/ of Crown Point/ For the time being. Da=
=ted/ Camp at Crown Point 24th. Novr. 1759./ in M.
G. Amherst's of Decr. 16. 1759/ No. 44.

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By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major
General and Commander in chief of all His Ma=
=jestys Forces in North America &c., &c., &c.

To The Present Commandant of the Fort
at Tienderoga and those that Shall here=
=after Succeed him as Such. –

The Post of Tienderoga being of the greatest Importance for keeping up an uninterrupted and Safe Communication from Fort George, Fort Edward, and all His Majestys Dominions, bordering on the Hudsons and Connecticutt Rivers to Crown Point. –

I Judge it absolutely necessary for the Defence of the Post of Tienderoga and hereby Order, that a Boundary be marked at fifteen hundred Yards Dis=
=tance, from the Saliant Angles of the Bastions of the said Fort and that all the ground comprehended to be between the Said Boundary and Fort is al=
=lotted for the Defence of the Fort, and that no Per=
=son whatsoever Shall from the date hereof Raise any Buildings, make any fences, or any Alteration of any part of the ground within the aforesaid Limits unless by order or Consent of the Commanding Officer of the Fort, and as the Landing Place from Lake George and the Communication from thence by the Block House & Saw mills to the Fort are necessary

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for the defence of the Same, I Do hereby Declare that the Said Landing Place & Road to the Fort are under the Direction and Command of the Commanding Of=:ficer of the Fort, Notwithstanding, they are beyond the boundary marked out, and I do order that no Person Whatsoever Shall from the date hereof, make any Alterations at the Landing Place or Road, but by the Consent of the Commanding Officer of the Fort.

This order is to be delivered to the next Com=:manding Officer for the time to come Who will Strictly Observe and Obey the Same, and will Deliver it to the Officer, Who Shall next relieve him and so to be handed down from one Commanding Officer to the other for ever, Who are all hereby Required to Pay Strict Obedience to the above Orders as I Judge them requisite for the good of His Majesty's Service, the Defence of the Fort and the Protection of His Majesty's Dominions ~

Given &c. this 24th. day of November 1759 ~

Jeff: Amherst

Endorsed Copy/ Instructions./ To the Commandant of the Fort at/ Tienderoga for the time being/ Camp at Crown Point 24th. Novr. 1759/ in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ N°. 45.

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Copy By His Excellency Jeffery Amherst Esqr. Major General and Commander in chief of all His Ma:=jesty's Forces in North America, &c, &c, &c,

To The Present Commandant of Fort George and those that Shall hereafter Succeed him as Such. ~

The Post of Fort George being of the greatest Importance, for keeping up an uninterrupted and safe Communication with Ticonderoga, half way brook, Fort Edward and all His Majesty's Dominions bordering on the Hudson's River. ~

I Judge it absolutely necessary for the De:=fence of the aforesaid Post, and hereby Order, that a Boundary be marked at fifteen hundred Yards Distance from the Saliant Angles of the Bastions of the said Fort, and that all the Ground Compre:=hended between the said Boundary and Fort is allotted for the Defence of the Fort and that no Person Whatsoever Shall from the date hereof, raise any buildings, make any fences, or any Alter:=tion of any Part of the ground within the afore:=said Limits, unless by order or Consent of the Commanding Officer of the Fort.

This order is to be delivered to the next Commanding Officer for the time to come, Who will

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Strictly Observe and obey the Same and will deliver it to the Officer who Shall next relieve him, and so to be handed down from one Commanding Officer to the other for ever, Who are all hereby Required to pay Strict Obedience to the above Orders as I Judge them requisite for the good of His Majesty's Service, the Defence of the Fort, that of the Communication and the Protection of His Majesty's Dominions.

Given &c. this 24th. day of November 1757.~

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Copy/1.

Camp of Crown Point November 24th 1759.

Sir,

As I have Ordered the Troops to March from hence to morrow, Except those Intended for the Gar=rison of this Place, I shall leave the Command of this Post to You, the Importance of which, I am Confident, is so Evident to You, that I need not discribe the great Consequence it is of, towards the Geneal Good of this Country, and the Protection of His Majesty's Dominions.

I Enclose You a Sketch of the Place and Avenues to it; An Order that I Judge requisite for the Com=mander of the Fortress to have; A List of the Ar=tillery and Stores, with Ammunition, &c., for the Fortress, Forts, and Blockhouses; And I have Ordered a Proportionable Number of the Royal Artillery Regiment, with a Captain to that Command, and Captain Garth. to Remain here as Engineer.

I Have added two Companies of a hundred Each, Rangers, to the Inniskilling Regiment, as a Garrison for this Place, as I Judge they will be of Use to You, in Keeping out necessary Scouts; And Though I am far from thinking it likely that the Enemy should offer to make any Attempts on this Place, I shall nevertheless give Orders, that in Case of any Unforeseen or Sudden Motions of the

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Enemy, You may Judge neeessary to have a Reinforce=
=ment, that half of the Garrison of Tienderoga shall
be ready to Joyn You at Your Order, and if You should
yet want a further Reinforcement, the other half to fol=
=low the first, so soon as Troops are moved up from
Fort George, for which I shall leave the neeessary
Orders.

I Have Ordered a Detachment of the Independent
Companies, Equal to a Company, to Garrison N°. 4; And I
shall Order Captain Ogilvie to Send Reports to You as
often as Opportunity may offer; the Communication from
that to Crown Point may be kept open by Parties
meeting halfway, which You will Order as You think
right; And if You have more Rangers than You find
You want, I would have You send an Officer
and Twenty five to Remain at N°. 4, under the
Command of Captain Ogilvie, for which I have already
Ordered a proper Supply of Provisions, in Case they
should be Sent.

You will please to Send me the Monthly
Returns, that they may be forwarded from Post to
Post, And You will at all times, send any Intelligence
You Judge neeessary in the same manner, or by an Of=
=ficer, from Post to Post, if You think it of such moment,
that You would be Assured it should not fail of Arriv=
=ing safe to hand. ~

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I am very Easy in leaving the Command of this Place in Your hands, as I doubt not but You will pursue Every Measure that can be Conducive to the defence and Care of it, for which You may be Assured of all the Assistance that may be in my Power to give You. –

I am, with great Truth and Regard,

Sir,

Your most Humble and

most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Colonel Haviland.

Endorsed Copy Letter from General Amherst / to Colonel Haviland / Dated Camp of Crown Point 24th. Novr. 1759. / in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / No. 47.

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Copy/ Tienderoga 25th. November 1759.~

Sir,

You are to remain here with the Six Companies of the late Brig.r Genl. Forbes's Regt. intended to Garrison Tienderoga that will Stop at this Post the Command of Which thro' the absence of Lieut. Colo. Darby devolves upon You, and as I am Confident the Importance of it is very evident to You, I need not describe the great Consequence it is of towards the general good of this Country and the Protection of His Majesty's Dom:-inions

I Enclose You an Order that I Judge requisite for the Commander of the Fort to have, a List of the Artillery and Stores, with Ammunition &c.a for the Fort and Blockhouse at the Sawmill; And I have ordered a Proportionable number of the Royal Artillery Regiment with Lieut. Wilson to that Command Who will deliver You the above mentioned List.~

Although I am far from thinking it likely that the Enemy Should Offer to make any Attempts on Crown Point, Yet I have Acquainted Colonel Haviland that in case of any unforeseen or Sudden Motions of the Enemy, and he Should Judge it nece:-:sary to have a Reinforcement, half of the Garrison of Tienderoga Should be ready to Join him upon his Or:-ders and if he Should Yet want another Reinforcement,

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the other half Should follow the first, So Soon as Troops were moved up from Fort George; You will Accordingly Observe these Orders and Comply therewith, taking care, When You do Send any Such reinforcement, You make Immediate Application to the Officer Com=
=manding at Fort George Who Shall thereon march half of his Garrison to Joyn You, on the arrival of Which You may advance the last half of Your Gar=
=rison to Reinforce Col. Haviland at Crown Point as I Shall take care the other two Companys from Fort George Shall follow the two first Companys So Soon as Troops from Fort Edward can Arrive at Fort George for the Defence of that Post for Which I Shall give the necessary Orders; And You are to Send the Reinforcements to Col. Haviland under the Command of the Eldest Officer of those Companys and remain Yourself at Ticonderoga

It is hardly feasible for the Enemy to Pass the Post of Crown Point to make any Shew of Attack at this Post, but the great temptation the Enemy must have to burn our Vessells as they would thereby become again Masters of the Lake De=
=serves Your Utmost Attention and I must in a very Strong Manner Recommend to You that You will at all times be Prepared to frustrate any Attempt that the Enemy may make and to Put

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it entirely out of their Power of Succeeding in Such a Scheme.—

You will send me Your monthly Returns with those from Crown Point and ordering the Officer Com=manding at Fort George to forward to me the Monthly Re=turns of those four Companies, When he Receives Yours without Your waiting to Receive them from him, that they may be forwarded from Post to Post and You will at all times Send any Intelligence You Judge neces=sary in the Same Manner or by an Officer from Post to Post, if You think it of Such moment that You would be assured it Should not fail of Arriving Safe at hand.—

I am,

Sir Yrs

Jeff: Amherst

Major Campbell Commandg. at Tierderoga

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst/ To Major Campbell of the 17th. Regt./ Commandg. at Tierderoga Dated/ Tierderoga 25th. Novemr. 1759./ in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ No. 45.

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Copy Remarks upon the Present Situation of Can=
=ada. By Major Grant, November 1759.

"After the Campaign 1758, Niagara, Verran=
=go, Crown Point and Tierderoga, having been provided
with Provisions, there remained but a small Quan=
=tity in the King's Stores at Quebec and Montreal, for
which reason the 5 Battalions of Regular Troops were Quar=
=tered upon the Inhabitants, who maintained them,
and the Consumption of Provisions was but trifling
during the Winter 1759; After providing for the Sub=
=sistence of the Regiments, &c, sent the 26th of
April from Quebec to the Point, &c, there did
not remain a sufficient Quantity for the Colony
for a fortnight, if the Army had been Assembled;
But at the same time that they received an
Account by M. Bougainville, that Quebec was
certainly to be attacked, there arrived 19 Vessels
from Bourdeaux, with 19000 Qrs. of Flour 8000 Qrs. of
Pork, a Considerable Quantity of Wine and Brandy,
&c, and 5 Vessels from Rochelle entirely Loaded
with all Sorts of Military Stores, of which the Colony
was in great want; If those Ships had not got into
the River before the English Fleet, M. Vaudreuil
would have been Obliged to Capitulate for the Colony,
without striking a Stroke; He had always Considered

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an Attack upon Quebec as a thing impossible, and had taken no sort of Precaution in case such a thing should happen; When the English Fleet was discov:ered at St. Barnabys there was not a hundred Men to defend the Town, Except the Sailors who had come in the Ships from France, and no Works or Intrenchments of any kind at Beauport to Oppose a Descent.

During this Campaign about 21000 Lt. of Flour & the Pork, have been Consumed; the Canadian Army at Quebec was Supplied with fresh Provisions from that Government, and the Government of the three Rivers, for about a Month or Six Weeks before the Town was taken; and as it was pretended that there was no more Flour in the King's Stores, the Grain was taken from the Inhabitants, and New Flour was Issued to the Army, for much about the same time; but tis probable that M. Bigot has reserved some Pork and Flour in Store; It has been his constant practice during the War to plead poverty in point of Provision, that People may be Satisfied with a little; they have been reduced to four Ounces of Bread for a Winter; he did not give more at his own Table, and with his Management and Address, tis believed that the Colony, thô in great distress, may Subsist for a Year without receiving any

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During this Campaign about 21000 W. of Flour & the Pork, have been Consumed; the Canadian Army at Quebec was Supplied with fresh Provisions from that Government, and the Government of the Three Rivers, for about a Month or Six Weeks before the Town was taken; and as it was pretended that there was no more Flour in the King's Stores, the Grain was taken from the Inhabitants, and New Flour was Issued to the Army, for much about the same time; but tis probable that M. Bigot has reserved some Pork and Flour in Store; It has been his constant practice during the War to plead poverty in point of Provision, that People may be Satisfied with a little; they have been reduced to four Ounces of Bread for a Winter; he did not give more at his own Table, and with his Management and Address, tis believed that the Colony, thô in great distress, may Subsist for a Year without receiving any

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Supplys from France, in that Event, they must Eat up all the Cattle Sheep, Horses, Cea, which are in the Colony, and no Bread will be Issued, Except to the People who are Employed in the Field - But the want of Bread will be no great hardship upon Canadians, they are accustomed to Live for Years together, without it, in their advanced Posts.

The Regts of La Reine, Berry, La Sarre, & Royal Roussillon, will be Quartered this Winter upon the Inhabitants of the Government of Montreal; Guienne, Languedoc & Bearn, in the Government of the Three Rivers, The Inhabitants of the Govern=ment of Montreal are Rich, they have not Suffered by the War, a few of their Cattle have been Taken from them in the Month of October, at which they Complained greatly, tho the other two Governments had shared the same fate during the Summer; The Harvest was a plentifull One, if they could have but it down, & got it in, in proper time, but the Men were all in Arms from 60 Years Old to 14; hardly four left in a Parish, and as the Corn was cut down, & got together Chiefly by Women and Children, a good deal of it was lost upon the Ground.

Five of their Vessels were made Fire Ships during the Siege of Quebec; One of their Frigates was lost in Endeavoring to Come up the Rapides of Richlieu,

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and a Vessel which came from Bourdeaux, under Spanish Colours, Obtained a Passport from the Admiral to go To Quebec; Ten of their Ships are to Sail from Batistes Camp some time this Month, Probably about the 20th., they Intend to pass the Town with a Strong S.W. Wind, and to take their Chance of getting to France, Except One which is Destined for St. Domingo; the rest of the Ships are to remain in the River during the Winter.

M. Mercier, who Commands the Corps of Artillery in Canada, is to go on board one of the Ships destined for France; he Carries M. Vaudreuil's Dispatches, with an Account of the Campaign and the Situation of the Colony - And probably a Justification of his Conduct after the Defeat of the Canadian Army before Quebec; It probably will be said that a second Attack would have been made upon the English Army, after the Arrival of M. Levy at Jaques Cartier, if the Chevr. de Ramsay had not given up the Town too precipitately, a Thing which was much talked of, but in fact, I dare say, no such Attack was ever Intended. If M. Mercier gets to France, he will Endeavor to return very Early in the Spring with Instructions to the Govr. General, and he certainly will Insist with the French Minister, that if a Squadron of French Men of War can get into the

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River before the British Fleet, that the Colony may still be Saved, and Quebec be retaken; At any rate, if English Ships are not in the River very Early in the Spring, Provisions will certainly be thrown into the Colony from France, Mr. Cadett, the Contractor, is very Rich and despises Money, he will run any risque to get Provisions, Tea; he looks upon it as a Lottery; if the Ships arrive, 'tis an Estate at the rate Everything is sold at Present, and if they are taken, it will give him no great Uneasiness; I dare Say it will be Attempted Early in April, there are frequent Instances of Ships Arriving in that Month.

The Canadians are most heartily tired of the War, those who have made Fortunes are desirous to have their Property Secured in Europe, and to get home, and the Inhabitants in General are much harrassed, and out of humour at Marching and Fighting without Pay, and often with but little Provisions; The Govr. General, the Intendant, Tea, keep up their Spirits at Present, with the hopes of Peace in the Spring; If that should not happen, the greatest part of them would wish to fall into the hands of the English; Notwithstanding of which the Power of the Govr. General is so great, that he will be able to keep them together, and make a

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Stand, tho' absolutely Contrary to their Inclinations; but when the hopes of a Peace & Fleet are Vanished, 'tis probable that the Resistance would not be great, Es= =pecially if Savages are Employed against them, which is the thing in the World, they are the most afraid of; They are not so much Alarmed at the Approach of a Regular Army, they Know the worst that can happen to them is a Capitulation more or less favorable, but if there was an appearance of Indians getting into their Country, the Inhabitants would look upon themselves as Undone, and in that Event only, 'tis probable that they would Mutiny, and Oblige M. Vaudreuil to Capitulate.

Piquets will be left as a Garrison at the Isle of Noix, and frequent Parties will be sent to the Point, &a, as a good many Outawois-Sieux, and Other Indians, have been detained at Montreal for the Winter, and a favourite Scheme will be an Attempt to burn the Vessels upon the Lake. The Command at Jaques Quartier is given to M. Dumat, the best Officer in the Colony he is a French Man, but is much Esteemd by the Canadians; he will certainly Endeavor to Harrass the Garrison of Quebec as much as possible in hopes of Weakening it by Sickness, &a, before the Spring, in case an attempt upon the Place should be thought practicable, if the Garrison is not

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pretty Strong, 'tis not improbable that Mr. Levy will propose some such Measure; 'Tis the general Opinion that the Garrison will Suffer much in the Winter, being ill Lodged, and not well Provided with Fire Wood, and from the Communication which has hitherto been Kept up with Montreal, and which is almost impossible to prevent, they are too well Informed of Every thing which happens in the Town." —

Endorsed Copy Remarks upon the / present Situa= =tion of Canada / By Major Grant. / November 1759. / in Mr. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / N°. 49.

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Copy/. New York 13th December 1759.—

Sir,

Having by this last Packett, received the King's entire Approbation of the Signal Zeal and Spirit, which the Officers and Soldiers on all Occasions manifest for the honor of His Majesty's Arms, I am glad, thro' Your Channel, to Seize the first moment to Inform those of Your Province, of His Majesty's most gracious Command, not doubting but that by a Continuance of their brave and good behaviour (which cannot fail of giving further Success to His Majestys Arms) they will prove deserving of this distinguishing Mark of the Royal Approbation.—

And as Colonel Ruggles has throughout the whole Campaign continually Manifested his great Zeal for the Service, and upon all Occasions promoted it to his Utmost I Should not do him Justice were I to omit giving him this Publick testimony of it and of begging You to Return him my Particular thanks for the Same, which I Desire Likewise to Colonel Willard.—

I come now Sir to make You the same requisition I did last Year upon my entring on the general Command for alth'o I have not at present no more than I had then any Particu=lar orders relative to the Operations of the en=suing Campaign, Yet I am certain it must be

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finfinite Service to the Publick Cause that the Province of the Massachusetts bay, Should keep up during the Winter the Same number of Officers and men that its Assembly Voted for the Operations of this last Campaign, by Which as I have often before observed, they will not only Procure a Saving to the Province, but those troops will be ready upon all Occasions and Wherever the Service may require, the Advantages of Which are too obvious, not to make me flatter myself that althó this Essential & necessary Measure did not take Place last Year, it will this; and I must beg You will be pleased to recommend the Same in the Strongest manner to the Assembly: but if before this reaches You the Massachusetts Troops should already be disbanded or that the above mentioned Measure Should contrary to my expectations not take Place, in that case I must further recommend it to You, to take the earliest Opportunity of acquainting the Assembly, that I Imagine the like number of troops will be wanted for the Operations of the ensuing Campaign as have been furnished by the Several Provinces and Colonies for the Services of the last, and that I trust the Province of the Massachusetts Bay will make the earliest Provision for those of their Province, that they may be ready at the first call Which will be Sooner

the next than this Year on Account of the greater Dis=
=tance they have to go to our present Frontiers.~

And I would at the Same time recommend it to their most Serious Consideration, that in the Provision they Shall so make, they will not limit the time of Service to any fixed Period, but as the Colonies of Connecticutt and Rhode Island have very wisely done Stipulate the Same either during the War or at least during the Campaign, the length or Shortness of Which cannot be Ascertained as it de=
=pends Wholly on Circumstances and as I am Con=
=fident that the Province of the Massachusetts Bay is as Desirous as any other of His Majesty's Pro=
=vinces and Colonies in America to Contribute towards the Salutary work of a good and last=
=ing Peace by giving the Same Assistance and for as long a time as those of Connecticutt and Rhode Island, I have no manner of doubt but they will very readily and Chearfully Com=
=ply with this request.

I am with great regard

Sr

Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Governor Pownall.

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The like Letter word for word to the Governors of New York and New Jersey. –

Ditto to the Governor of Newhampshire except the Second Paragraph. –

The three first Paragraphs of the foregoing Letter to the Governor of Connecticutt with the addition of the following one. –

"And as the Assembly of Connecticutt very wisely and Judiciously, did not fix the Services of this Years Series to any certain day, but raised them for the Whole Campaign, the advantages of which I have experienced I must not omit my Ap:-probation of so Proper and well Calculated a Mea:-sure, nor fail to Recommend the Prosecution of it upon this as well as on all future Occasions". –

The two first Paragraphs of the foregoing Letter to the Governor of Rhode Island with the following

"I come now Sir, to make You the Same requisition I did last Year upon my entring on the gen.t. Command for altho' I have not at present no more than I had then, any Particular Orders relative to the Operations of the Ensueing Campaign, Yet I am certain it must be of infinite Service to the Publick Cause, that the Colony of Rhode Island, Should this Year as She did the last, Pur:-sue the wise and Judicious Measure of keeping their

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forces in Pay during the Winter, Which Measure I cannot sufficiently Commend, nor too Strongly Re=
=commend, and I make no doubt but the Assem=
=bly Sensible of the Saving it must be to the Colony and from their desire of Promoting the good of the Service will readily and chearfully Comply, not only with the above request, but will also make Immediate Provision for Compleating the Regiment, Which came very defective into the field, this Year, during I am Perswaded to their having the last Year disbanded the Officiers, without Which there is no Keeping up Properly and disciplining any Corps, I would therefore Recommend it to the most Serious Consideration of the Assembly, that in the Provision they will now make for the main=
=Tenance of the Compleat Regiment, they will also Include the Officers". —

Endorsed Copy Circular Letter from / General Amherst to the Governors / of the Provinces of the Massachusetts / Bay, New York, New Jersey, Newhampshire, and Colonies of Connecticutt / and Rhode Island — Dated / New York 13th. December 1759 / in M. G. Amherst's of Dec. 16: 1759 / N°. 52.

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Garrisons & Winter Quarters of His Majesty's Forces in North America under the Command of His Excellency Major General Amherst. Head Quarters at New York 15th. December 1759.—

Regiments	Battalions	Companies	Garrison or Quarters
Innishilling	1		Crown Point Fortress
Rangers		2	D°
Late Brigt. Genl. Forbes		6	Ticonderoga
D°		4	Fort George
1st. Battalion Royal Highland Regimt.		1	Half way brook
D°		5	Fort Edward
D°		1	Fort Miller
D°		1	Saratoga
D°		1	Stillwater
D°		1	Half moon
2d. Battalion Royal Highland Regimt.	1		Albany
New York Independent Companies		3	D°
Lieut. General Abercrombie's		7	Niagara
4th. Battalion Royal American Regimt.		9	Fort Ontario
D°		1	Onandaga Falls
Lieut. General Abercrombie's		1	West end of Oneida Lake
Rangers		30 men	D°
Lieut. General Abercrombie's		1	East end of Oneida Lake
D°		1	Fort Stanwix

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Honble Lieut. General Thomas Murray's			4	D
D			2	Fort Herkeimer
D			1	Fort Herrick
D			1	Fort Hunter & Fort Johnson
D			2	Schereetady
Honble Brig^r. General Gages	1			D
Honble Colonel Montgomery	1			Cantoonment on Hudson's river below Albany
Late Brig^r. General Prideaux's			6	New York
D			1	Flushing — Long Island
D			1	Jamaica — Long Island
D			1	Newtown — Long Island
D			1	Bushwick & Bedford — Long Island
The Royal or Lieut General St. Clair's			4	Brunswick — Newjersey
D			4	Amboy — Newjersey
D			2	Trentown — Newjersey
New York Independ^t. Company			1	Number four on Connecti: cutt River
1st. Battalion Royal American Reg^t.			5	Pittsburgh
D			5	Lancaster
Major General Amherst's	1			Quebec
Late Lieut. General Braggs	1			Quebec
Lieut. General Otways	1			Quebec
Lieut. General Kennedys	1			Quebec
Lieut. General Lascelles's	1			Quebec
Major General Webbs	1			Quebec
Major General Anstruthers	1			Quebec
Colonel Frasers	1			Quebec

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2d. Battalion Royal Americans	-	-	7	-
3d. Battalion Royal Americans	-	-	7	-
Rangers - - - -	-	-	1	-
Brigr. General Whitmores	-	1	-	-
Major General Barrington's	-	1	-	-
Lieut. General Warburton's	-	1	-	-
2d. Battn. Royal Americans	-	-	3	of 250 men each
3d. Battn. Royal Americans	-	-	3	
Rangers - - - -	-	-	2	-

Louisburgh

Nova Scotia

D°

Jeff Amherst
Major General

Endorsed thus/ Garrisons & Winter Quarters/ of His Majesty's Forces in/ North America, Commanded/ by His Excellency Major/ General Amherst/ New York 15th. December/1759./ in M. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759/ N°. 53.

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Copie/ Montreal Le 14. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

J'ai vu avec Satisfaction par la Lettre dont Votre Excellence m'a honoré en datte du 17. que Ses Sentimens Correspondent aux miens sur L'Exe:=cution du Cartel.

J'Ecris à M. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil Gover:=neur General pour qu'il fasse avancer ici les Pri:=sonniers que nous avons a fin d'Etre plus à portée d'Etre Echangés Lorsque Votre Excellence sera en Etat de nous rendre Les Nôtres.

Je La remercie de son obligeante Attention à m'avoir envoyé un Exemplaire du Cartel Conforme à Ceux qui m'avoient été adressés, Et de celle de m'avoir fait passer des Lettres de quelques Uns de nos Officiers, Et une pour Madame Péan.

J'Envois au Major Grant Les deux Lettres à son adresse Et lui ferai Compter les 200 ℔ Sterlingque Votre Excellence a Eû La Bonté d'avancer au Sieur Bonneau, Capne. au Regimt de Guienne.

Les Officiers Prisonniers n'ont jamais manqué D'Argent pour leurs besoins, Et j'aurai grande Attention qu'il leur soit fourni tout celui qui leur sera necessaire.

A L'Egard de L'ordre que Votre Excellence a Donné à Les Troupes Irregulieres et Sauvages, Il est Conforme aux Sentiments de L'humanité, qui doit

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Souffrir de Voir que des femmes et des Enfans Soient les Malheureuses Victimes de La Guerre; Toutes nos In:=sinuations auprés de nos Sauvages tendent à La Même fin, et pour les engager à preferer de faire des Prisonniers, et Avoir, s'il Etoit possible, la Barbare et Ancienne Coutume de Sever des Chevelieres, ou leur paye un trés haut prix des Prisonniers.

J'ay L'honneur de communiquer Votre Lettre à M^r. le Marquis de Vaudreuil Gouverneur General du Canada, Et le prie de Vouloir bien renouveller ses Ordres et Insinuations auprés de toutes Les Nations Sauvages, comme je ferai auprés de tous les Commandans de nos Troupes, pour que La guerre se fasse avec toute L'humanité possible.

J'ay L'honneur d'etre, avec la plus haute Con:=sideration, Monsieur,

Votre trés humble & trés obeissant

Serviteur Montcalm

P. S. Je prens la Liberté de mettre sous le pli de Votre Ex:=cellence une Lettre pour Le Capt^ne. Bonneau.

Endorsed Copy Letter from the Marquis De Montcalm to Gen:=eral Amherst. / Dated Montreal 14th. July 1759. / This Letter not sent before, because / on Dispatching the Packet from Ti:=deroga, it was left among other / Papers at Fort George. / ier Mr. G. Amherst's of Decr. 16: 1759 / N°. 54.

Copie/ du camp au Lac George 17e. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

Je Vois avec plaisir par La Lettre dont Votre Excellence vient de m'honorer en date du 14. que vous avés Ecris à M. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil pour qu'il fasse Avancer à Montreal, les Prisonniers que vous avés à nous, pour être Plus à portée d'etre Echangés lorsque je Serés en Etat de Vous rendre les Vôtres. — Je n'ai pas manqué aussitôt aprés vous avoir expedié ma derniere, d'ecrire au même Sujet au Gouverneur de la Nouvelle York; Et Vous pouvés compter que dés que ces Messieurs seront a portée du camp, je ne negligerai Point de Vous en prevenir.

Je ne Sçaurois que Remercier Votre Excellence de son Exactitude d'avoir Envoyé à M. Le Major Grant les deux Lettres qui lui etoient adressés, ainsi que de son Attention à lui faire Payer les 200 Sterling, que j'avois fait Avancer à M. Le Capitaine Bonneau, qui, du depuis, a eu £100 Sterling de plus, dont je remets sa Lettre de Change sur Votre Excellence sous ce pli au d. Major Grant, et la prie de Vouloir bien avoir la même complaisance. Mes Avances à M. Bonneau sont des surs Garands que je n'ai Jamais douté de l'attention que Votre Excellence auroit que nos Prisonniers fussent fourni de tout ce qu'il leur seroit Necessaire.

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Je suis charmé que Votre Excellence se prête si Volontiers aux Sentiments d'humanité qui devroient avoir lieu partout ou les Nations Civilsés ont aucune part dans la Guerre, et J'espere que Votre Lettre à ce Sujet a M. Le Marquis de Vaudreuil ne manquera pas d'avoir son Effet; cependant Je ne Sçaurois me dispenser de Communiquer à Votre Excellence, qu'un Sauvage de la Nation des Cayugas, pris et convaincu d'avoir Assassiné un des Sujets du Roy, Mon Maitre, Nommé Mr. Michael, lors de son Execution a confessé qu'il avoit commis ce Crime à l'instigation des François qui l'en avoit Charge, en lui promettant qu'il en Seroit bien payé.

J'aurai un Soin particulier de la Lettre de Votre Excellence pour M. Le Capitaine Bonneau, et Je n'en ai pas moins à vous en faire passer trois Autre qui vous sont adressées par M. de Miltiere pris dernierement du Coté de Niagara. ~

J'ai l'honneur d'etre, avec la plus haute Consideration,

Monsieur, / Votre très humble, et très

Obeissant Serviteur / Jeff: Amherst.

S. E. M. Le Mr. de Montcalm.

Endorsed Copy Letter from General Amherst / to the Marquis de Montcalm / Dated Camp at Lake George 17th July 1759. / This Letter not sent before, because / on dispatching the Packet from / Tieonderoga, it was left among / other Papers at Fort George / on M. G. Amherst's of Dec. 16. 1759 / No. 55.

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Edie/ au Camp de Carillon Le 17. Juillet 1759.

Monsieur,

J'ai Chargé Le Sr. Berrier Officier des Milices du Canada, accompagné d'un Tambour et de Cinq Canadiens de porter à Votre Excellence une Lettre que Je viens de recevoir de M. Le Marquis de Montcalm. Je la Supplie de permettre que Je Joigne a cette depesche une Lettre pour Mr. Bonneau Capne au Regt. de Guienne et Tré= =sorrier de Guerre.

Si Le Soldat du même Regt. que J'ai reclamé par ma precedente se trouvoit rapproché de la frontiere, Suivant les Ordres que Votre Excellence m'a fait l'hon= =neur de me promettre qu'elle donneroit a cet egard, Je la Supplie de me le faire passer par cette Occasion, esperant toutefois que le retour du Sr. Berrier n'en sera pas retardé.

Je Supplie aussi Votre Excellence de recevoir mes remerciemens pour l'exemplaire du Cartel qu'Elle a eu la bonté de m'envoier, et d'etre persuadé de la respectueuse Consideration, avec laquelle J'ai l'hon= =neur d'etre,

Monsieur,

Votre très humble et très

Obeissant Serviteur.

Bourlamaque

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du Camp au Lac George 17e Juillet 1759
10 heures du Soir,

Monsieur,

Je Viens dans l'instant de recevoir Votre Lettre de ce Jour, accompagnée de celle de M. Le Marquis de Montcalm, et Une Autre pour M. Le Capne Bonneau; Je ne Manquerai pas de faire tenir la derniere, et Je Vous prie de Vouloir bien en faire de Même de ma Reponse ci jointe à Son Excellence.

Dés que J'ai eu Expedié Le Sr. Lotte, J'ai Ecrit au Gouverneur de la Nouvelle Yorck pour faire rap=-procher des frontieres le Soldat que vous avez reclamé par Votre precedente; Je n'attend que son Arrivée pour Vous le renvoyer, et comme vous desiré que le Sr. Bernier Officier des Milices du Canada, chargé de vos depêches, ne soit point retardé à cette Occasion, Je vous le renvoye sur le champ.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre, tres parfaitement,
Monsieur,
Votre très humble, et très
Obeissant Serviteur
Jeff: Amherst.

M. de Bourlamaque.

Endorsed

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New York January 9th. 1760.

Sir

I send this by Lt. Colonel Robertson who is to attend a General Court martial in England, and sails in His Majesty's Ship Fowey that convoys the English Transports with the wounded and discharged Men.

I have at last got a Survey of the Ground and Fort of Tionderoga, which I have the Honour to send you enclosed, as likewise some Papers re=ferred to, by my Letter of the 16th of Decr. which then through mistake were omitted, and I now transmit to you, Sir, all other Papers of any moment from that date to this time:

Mr. Killby one of the Contractors for furnish=ing Provisions to the Troops, on delivering me the enclosed paper, assures me the Lords of the Treasury have had notice of the Intentions of the Contractors giving up the Contract, so that I make no doubt but their Lordships will have provided for the time the present Contract ceases.

The French Prisoners whom I have sent in exchange were, by the severity of the Weather detained at Tionderoga from the 3d to the 13th of Decr. when they marched to Crown Point, and with great difficulty got some batteaus out of the Ice, were es=corted a part of the way down the Lake and pursued

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their Voyage to the Isle aü Noix: those which now remain here, I have thought it better to keep, than to send them to England, as Monsieur de Vaüdreuil seems to desire, because I imagine they would be but an Incumbrance there, and in staying here, they may hereafter be the means of inducing the Enemy to give up every Soul they have belonging to the King's Dominions. You will see, Sir, by the enclosed that I have stoped His Majesty's Ship Scarborough, untill I have some account from Governor Lyttelton that in case he should want any assistance from the Troops here, I might send him all that can be spared. as I have not received any farther intelligence from Carolina, I imagine the Cherokee Indians have made a proper Submission.

I am with the utmost Respect

Sir Your most Humble

and most Obedient Servant

Jeff: Amherst.

Rt. Honble Mr. Pitt.

Endorsed New York 9 Jan. 1760/ M. General Amherst/ Rd feb 17/ by Lt Col. Robertson/

Schedule of Papers referred to, in Major General Amherst's Letter to The Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, Bearing Date New York January 9th. 1760.~

N.o 1. Copy of a Letter from Lt. Gov.r De Lancey to Gen.l Amherst, In Answer to the Generals, of the 13th. Dec.r requesting the Governor to Recommend to the Assembly, the Continuance of the Troops in the Pay of the Province during the Winter; That as the Troops were already Disbanded, he thought it advisable to differ laying the Gen.ls Letter before the Council & Assembly, until he had Received one from the Secretary of State . . . 18th. Dec.r 1759.

N.o 2. Copy of the Gov.rs Answer to the foregoing expressing his Satisfactions with the Gov.rs reasons, & that he is fully Confident he will do what is most Conducive to the good of the Service. same date

N.o 3. D. from Gov.r Hamilton to General Amherst; Acquainting him that he had received a Message from the Assembly, requesting him to take the most Speedy and effectual Measures, to disband all their Provincial Forces, except, 150 men Officers Included; that Notwithstand.g the having urged many Objections against Such a Step, they had adhered to their Resolution, & that he Should be obliged tho' with reluctance

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to disband them accordingly . . . 1759 10th Decr.

Nº. 4. Copy of the above mentioned Message, with the Govrs Answer and their reply thereto - 8th Dº .

Nº. 5. Dº. the General's Answer to Govr. Hamilton's of the 10th Decr., expressg. his Concern for the Measure Proposed by the Assembly; & begging the Govr. to move the Assembly to Continue their Troops in Pay during the Winter Sea . . . . . 17th Dº. .

Nº. 6. Extract of a Letter from Govr. Fauquier to Genl. Amherst, that the house of Burgesses had come to a Resolution to keep up the Regt. in the Pay of that Colony till May next . . . . 10th Novr.

Nº. 7. Copy of the Genl. Answer to the foregoing that the Resolution of the House of Burgesses gave him great Pleasure, as long before May, they would be Informed by His Majesty's Minister Whether their Service would be any longer requisite . . 21st. Decr.

Nº. 8 Extract of a Letter from Govr. Fauquier to Genl. Amherst, That the Assembly broke up the 21st. Novr. and tired, or as they said Incapacitated to do more, had Curtailed the men left with Brigr. Stanwix at Pittsburgh to 400, & those to the 1st. May only - 25th. Novr.

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No. 9. D. The Govr. Answer to the foregoing, Expressing his Concern, that the Assembly had al=
=tered the good Resolution they had come to but hoped it would not be Attended with any bad Consequences by having in=
=terfered with Brigr. Stanwix's Measures. 27th. Decr. 1759

No. 10th. Copy of a Letter from Govr. Lyttelton to Genl. Amherst, Acquainting the Genl. that hav=
=ing received Letters, confirming the Out=
=rages Committed by the Cherokee Indians, he had determined to March against them with the Regulars in Carolina & a body of Provincials; Difficulties in raising proper Supplies from a Spirit of Parsimony and Some factious humours that prevailed in the Assembly, but that he was determined to persevere in his intended Measures &a . . . . 16th. Octr.

No. 11 D. Resolutions of the Assembly of South Carolina Enclosed in the foregoing . . .

No. 12 D. Letter from Lieut. Coytmore to Govr. Lyttel=
=ton; Confirmation of the Outrages Committed by the Cherokees &a Dated Fort Prince George 26th. Septr. 1759 Enclosed in D. .

No. 13 D. General Return of the Strength of the three Indepent. Compys. in South Carolina also

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Enclosed in D.

N°. 14. D. Letter from Lt. Grey of the Independt. to Govr. Lyttelton requesting the same allowance for Batt & Forrage Money to the above 3 Companies, that is allowed to the Regular Regts.

N°. 15 D. Letter from Govr. Lyttelton to Genl. Amherst; That Since his last a party of Headmen of the upper & lower Towns of the Cherokie Nation, had arrived at Charlestown, that he had Concluded his Conferences with them; and that upon a full Discussion of the Matter in Council, it was resolved, that any Accomodation that might be entred into with these Indians, would be Insecure and improper for the reasons he therein Mentions . . . 23d. Octr. 1759

N°. 16 D. Letter from Genl. Amherst To Govr. Lyttelton Acknowledging the receipt of the Governor's of the 16th. & 23d. Octr. That So Soon as he heard of the Outrages Committed by the Cherokees he was not without Some thoughts, that the Govr. might perhaps have Occasion for Some of His Majesty's Regular Forces, and had accordingly brought two Regiments down the Country to be ready to reinforce him

in case he Should require it, but hoped
he would have no Occasion for Such reinforcement, but that the Province of themselves would be able to furnish those Savages, Which would save them for the future and greatly Contribute to the Security of the Inhabitants . . 21st. Decr. 1759.

No. 17. Extract of a Letter from Govr. Ellis, to Genl. Amherst, Acknowledg.g the receipt of the Genl.s of the 8th. August, & Congratulating him on the Success of His Majestys Arms - 1st. Octr.

No. 18. Copy of a Letter from D. to D; That the Temper of the Cherokee & Creek Nations appear very alarming, Expressing his fears of the great Mischief that must ensue to the Province of Georgia, Should an Indian war take place Ta . . . . 5th. Octr.

No. 19. L. . L. from D. to D. Acquaints the Genl. that the Insolence & Outrages of the Cherokees had grown to Such a height as had obliged Govr. Lyttelton to march against them with part of the Independt. Compys. and a large Draught from the Militia of Carolina; that he (Govr. Ellis) had taken all the precautions in his Power for the Security of the Colony of Georgia 2d. Novr.

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N°.20. D. Letter from Genl. Amherst to Govr. Ellis; Acknowledging the receipt of the foregoing, and hoping Mr. Lyttelton's Expedition will be attended with Success . . . . . 1759 21st. Decr.

N°.21. D. Letter from Govr. Fitch to General Amherst; Acquainting the General, that as the troops of the Colony of Connecticut were already disbanded, Nothing could be done with regard to the Continuance of them, but by New Levies, & that he should as Soon as might be with Conveniency lay the Matter before the Assembly . . . 20th. Decr.

N°.22. Copy of the Genl's Answer Approving of the foregoing . . . . . 24th. D.

N°.23. Extract of a Letter from Govr. Wentworth to Genl. Amherst, That both the Detention of Colonel Lovewell's Regt. a Month longer and the Company the Genl. had ordered on Connecticutt river was very agreable to him . . . . . 16th. Novr.

N°.24 D. the Genl's Answer, that he hoped Col. Lovewell's Regt. had got to their homes, and that he had not as he proposed Kept one of the Companies to Garrison N°.4, having Sent a Detachment from His Majesty's New York Independt. Company

to Garrison that Place . . . 17th. Decr. 1759

No. 25. D. Letter from Govr. Sounall to Genl. Amherst, Enclosing Letter from Lt. Colo. Hoare Comm:=mandt. at Annapolis Shewing the Temper of the Garrison there . . . 3d. D.

No. 26. Copy of the above mentioned Letter, Annapolis 14th. Novr.

No. 27. D. Letter from Genl. Amherst To Govr. Sounall, Acknowledgt. the Receipt of the Gov=:ernor's of the 3d. Decr, and that from Colo. Hoare's Letter, he imagined every thing was going on Smooth and quiet at Annapolis . . . . 17th. Decr.

No. 28. D. from Govr. Sounall to Genl. Amherst; That the Provincial Soldiers at Halifax were Settled to their duty that Lt. Colo. Ar:=buthnot's men had Mutinied While they were in the Enemy's Country, but that he had awed them to Obedience - 17th. Decr.

No. 29. D. The Genl's Answer to the foregoing; Comm:=mends the Diligence & Zeal of Lt. Colo. Arbuthnot, & begs the Govr. to present him with his thanks, as well as to Lt. Colo. Hoare for his Conduct in Quiet:=:ing the Soldiers under his Command 21st. Decr.

No. 30. D. Letter from Sir Wm. Johnson Bart. to Genl. Amherst Enclosing his Accot. of Indian.

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Expences, desiring a Warrt. for the bal:
-lance thereof, as well as for his Salary
and likewise one for £2000, to defray
Sundry Expences Incurr'd and to be
Incurr'd for the Indian Service &c. 8th. Decr. 1759

No. 31. Copy of the above mentioned Account . .

No. 32. D. The Genl. Answer to the foregoing En:
-closing the Warrts. Desired by Sir
William, and Recommending to him
to be as frugal and Oeconomous of the
Publick money as Possible, and the Ser:
-vice will admit of - . . 18th. Decr.

No. 33. Copy Letter from Admiral Saunders to General
Amherst Congratulating the Genl. on the
Surrender of Quebec &c. That the Season
being so far advanced, he despaired of the
Pleasure of meeting him in America, &
therefore did not think it Possible to
Confer on the Subject of Attempting any
Operations to the Southward, That he Should
leave Lord Colvill with five Sail of the Line
& Some Frigates at Halifax and that his
Lordship would Correspond with the Gen:
-eral or Commanding Officer at New York. 28th. Sept.

No. 34. D. Letter from Genl. Amherst to Lord Colvill,
Advising his Lordship, that he had Learnt

from Major Grant, just arrived from Montreal, that ten of the French Ships above Quebec Intended to Pass the Town with a Strong South west wind about the 20th Novr. to take their Chance of getting to France Sea . . . . 15th Novr. 1759

№ 35. D. D. from D. to D. Acknowledges the re:=ceipt of His Lordships of the 30th Oct. Acquainting him of his being left Com:=mander in Chief of His Majesty's Sea Forces in North America; and that he Shall be glad to Co-operate with his Lordship in every thing that may tend to the good of His Majesty's Service - 21st. Novr.

№ 36. D. from Lord Colvil to Genl. Amherst, En:=closing a List of the Ships that Winter at Halifax; And acquainting the Genl. that he had Sent to Boston a Brig:=antine, in case, he or Govr. Pownall Should have any Dispatches to be forwarded by Sea; and for that Pur:=pose had directed the Master of said Brigantine to Obey all Such orders, as he Should Receive from them - 30th. Novr.

№ 37. Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst to John Stott Esqr. Commanding His Majesty's Ship Lar:=

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=borough; That the Outrages and Violences committed by the Cherokee Indians agt. the Inhabitants of South Carolina, having compelled Govr. Lyttelton to march at the head of a Body of Troops of said Province in order to obtain Satisfaction for the same and that as it was not unlikely the Govr. might Apply to him for the Assistance of Some Regular Forces, he must beg of Capt. Stott to postpone his Departure for Carolina untill he Should hear again from Governor Lyttelton in order that if Such a requisition Should be made he might take the Troops under his Convoy. - - - - 23d. Decr. 1759

No. 38. Copy General Amherst's Instructions to Lt. Colo. Wm. Eyre of the 44th. Regt. of Foot, on his going to take the Command of Niagara 31st. Octr.

No. 39. Copy of a Letter from Willm. Baker Esqr. (one of the Contractors for Supplying His Majesty's Forces in N. America with Provisions) for and in the behalf of himself, his Brother and Christopher Kilby Esqr. To the Duke of Newcastle Dated 21st. Sept. 1759, With Copy of one from Messrs. Wm. & Richd. Baker To the Lords Commissioners

of His Majesty's Treasury:, Signifying their
desire that their Contract with the Crown
do cease & be Determined after Six
Months from this date - - - 1759 25th Sept.

N.40. List of the french Prisoners Sent to Can:
=ada in Exchange of the British Pri:
=soners, returned from thence; With
a Copy of the Receipt Signed and de:
=livered by Mons. Touchet the Com:
=manding Officer to Sir Henry Seton
Bart., Captain in His Majesty's 17th Regi:
=ment of foot, Who Conducted said
Prisoners down part of Lake Champlain. 14th Dec.

N.41. Extract of a Letter from Gov. Pownall to Gen:
=eral Amherst, Accompanying his Speech
to the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay,
on the Continuing of their Troops in
the Pay of the Province agreable to
the General's Letter of the 19th Nov. 2d. 1760 N.S. Jan.

N.42. Copy of the above Speech. —

Endorsed Schedule of Papers / Referr'd to in Major
General / Amherst's Letter to the Right / Hon.ble Mr. Secre:
tary Pitt / Dated New York Jan.y 9th 1760

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Charles Town 16th. October 1759.

Sir,

I have had the honour to Receive Your Letters of the 5th. and 14th. of August and beg leave to offer You my most hearty Congratulations on Your Success in the Reduction of Ticonderoga and Crown Point and the other happy Events You are Pleased to Acquaint me with On the 30th. of last month I received the dispatch from Lieut. Govt: =more at Fort Prince George in the lower Cherokee Nation, of Which I Enclose You a Copy & other Letters confirming the Intelligences contained therein Whereupon I ordered the Regulars & provincials in this Town, Amounting to one hundred & fifty Men to hold themselves in readi: =ness to March and directed the Colonels of three Regim[ts]. of Militia on the Frontiers to Collect their Corps. I like: =wise dispatched Expresses to the Governors of North Carolina & Virginia & to Brig[r]. Gen[l]. Stanwix and Summoned the General Assembly to meet on the 4th. On the 5th. I laid before them the Several Advices, I had received from the Cherokee Country and at the Same time asked a Supply from them to enable me to relieve the Forts there and Secure the interior tranquility of the Province Acquainting them that I would go myself upon that Service, They Proceeded to the Consideration of a Supply accordingly, but a Spirit of excessive Parsimony & Some factious humours, that

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unhappily prevailed among them influenced all their Resolutions, The Council was unanimously of Opinion that a Declaration of War Should be Issued against the Cherokees, and the Assembly as unanimously addressed me to defer it, I consented to do so, but expressed my expectations that they would Enable me by a Speedy grant of the Supply I had asked, to pursue Vigorous measures, Which they themselves Acknowledged they were fully convinced were necessary. Soon afterwards they Sent me their Resolutions concerning a Supply Which finding exceedingly Short of what the Service really requires, I made a Speech, Wherein I Declared my Sense of the Scantiness and insufficiency thereof but added, that I Should Nevertheless persevere in the intended Mea= =sures, and then Adjourned the General Assembly to the 26th. day of March next. I Send You a Copy of the Re= =solutions of the Assembly. On the 13th. Instant, I received Dispatches from Fort Prince George Acquainting me that two parties of Indians, were Set out to come here, but from the Account given in those Letters of the behavior of those Indians before they left the Fort, I have great Cause to believe, they do not come disposed to agree to Such Terms, as may render an Accommodation with them practicable. I have however the Satisfaction to learn, that Capt. Stewart had Sent off from Fort Prince George, a Supply of Ninety five head of Cattle and

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Jane Four and Salt Destined for Fort Loudon think-
-ing it a favorable Opportunity to venture it While the
Indians were coming down here Some of them are
now very near this Town, Nevertheless I have not
Suspended my Military preparations, & believe I
Shall be in readiness to depart from hence in Nine
or ten days. I transmit to You Sir, a Copy of a
Letter I have received from Lieut. Gray and beg
leave to recommend the Subject Matter of it to
Your consideration. I have Consented that Lieut. Gray
Should draw on the Paymaster for the Back and
forage money, as I presume You will be of Opinion
that the Officers of the three Independent Companies
Should be allowed the Same Emoluments with the
rest of His Majesty's Regular Troops on this Continent,
I inclose to You also Sir, a Return of those Com-
-panies and am with the highest regard,

Sir

&c

William Henry Lyttelton.

His Excellency Major General Amherst &c, &c.

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Governor/ Lyttelton to
General Amherst/ Dat.d Charles Town 16.th October 1759./

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May it Please Your Excellency,

The Message You were pleas'd to send this House on the 5th. Instant, with the Several Papers, that Accom=panied the same, and Your Excellency's Other Message of the 6th. Instant, having been Considered with the greatest Attention; the House came to Several Reso=lutions thereupon; which we humbly beg leave to lay before Your Excellency, viz.t=

To provide for raising and granting to His Majesty, a Sum of Money for the following Uses.

To Pay Fifteen Hundred Men Draughted, or to be Draughted from the Militia of this Province for the Intended Expedition; The Pay of Each Private White Man, so Draughted or raised, to be Eight Shillings Current Money per Day; The Pay of Each Negro Man, so raised, to be Seven Shillings and Six Pence per day; The Pay of Each Corporal and of Each Drummer, so rais'd, to be Eight Shillings & Eight Pence Current Money, per day; The Pay of Each Serjeant so rais'd, to be Ten Shillings, Current Money per day; Four Serjeants & four Corporals to Each Company of One hun=dred Men. – The Pay of Each Ensign (One to Each such Company, as aforesaid) to be Twenty Shillings cur=rent Money per day; The Pay of Each Lieutenant (One to Each such Company, as above said) to be One Pound Five Shillings Current Money per day; The

Pay of Each Captain (are to Each such Company, as above said (to be One Pound Ten Shillings, Current Money, per day; The Pay of Each Major (One of whom to Each Corps of Five Hundred Men as above said) to be One Pound Fifteen Shillings Current Money per day; The Pay of Each Lieut: Colonel (two of whom to Fifteen Hundred Men, as above said) to be two Pounds Current Money per day; The Pay of Each Colonel (two of whom to Fifteen Hundred Men as above said) to be Two Pounds Five Shillings Current Money per day.

That it is the Intention of this House, that the Pay resolved to be provided for the Several Officers and Militia Men, shall be only during such Time, as they shall be Employed within this the Service of this Pro=
=vince and not joind, or Acting in Conjunction with any of His Majesty's British Forces; that the Militia of this Province may not in any wise be Subjected to the Pen=
=alties of the Muting Act, or the Articles of War.

That no Person shall be Entitled to receive any Part of such Pay, who is Entitled to receive any Pay upon the Establishment of His Majesty's British Forces, or of the Provincial Forces raised by, & in the Pay of this Province.

The Pay of Each Adjutant & Each Quarter Master (allowing three Adjutants & three Quarter Masters to Fifteen Hundred Men as above said) to be One Pound five Shillings

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Current Money per day; The Pay of a Person to be Ap:
=pointed Commissary to be three Pounds ten Shillings
Current Money per day; The Pay of two Chirurgeons
& two Mates, during their Personal Attendance on their
respective Corps, to be Two Pounds Current Money per
day to Each Chirurgen, and One Pound five Shillings
per day to Each Surgeon's Mate, The Pay of Such Mili:
=tia Men, who are Carpenters and Wheelwrights (While
they shall Work as such) to be Fifteen Shillings Current
Money per day, to Each in addition to their daily
Wages; The Pay of One Militia Man who shall be
an Harness Maker, to be four Shillings Current Money
in addition to his Wages daily; The Pay of One
Militia Man, who shall be a Blacksmith & Gun:
=smith, to be Six Shillings Current Money per day,
in addition to his daily Wages. ~

That the Sum of four thousand Pounds be
provided for defraying Contingencies.

That the Sum of One thousand Pounds Ster:
=ling, or the Value of the same be provided to be Ap:
=plied to the Use of the Militia Men in Part of
their Pay.

That this House will not, at this time, make
any further Provision for Continuing the three Pro:
=vincial Companies in the Pay of this Province.

We Cannot give our Consent for the Employing

any of the Firelocks and Bayonets, purchaid with the Publie Money; Other than that tiventy Chests of them be Carried as far as the Congress (if Your Excellency shall think the same necessary) to be disposed of by the Commissary upon Credit to such of the Militia (who go upon the intended Expedition) as shall be desirous of purchasing the said Arms; and that the Price of the same be deducted out of their Pay.

That no Pay be Proided for an Adjutant Gen:=eral, Quarter Master General, or a Major of Brigade, Aids de Camp, or for Waggon Masters.

That a Chest of Medicines of two Hundred Pounds Current Money in value, be Proided for the Militia Men in the said intended Expedition.

That no allowance is necessary for Surgeon's Instruments, in as much as 'tis expected, that the afore=mentiond Surgions shall proide themselves therewith at their own Expence.

That Six thousand Weight of Musket ball, of different Sizes, & Swan Shot; Six thousand good flints, ten Reams of Cartridge Paper; Four Hundred Camp Kettles; Painted Cloths for four Waggons; Working Tools, vizt. a Doz: broad Axes; a Gross of Spades or Shovels; four Doz: of Pickaxes; a Gross of Hatchetts; Six Dozen Grubbing Hoes; Six Doz: felling Axes; Six Trowers; Six Iron Crows; some small Tools for Carpenters, with Hand Saws, to the

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Value of One hundred Pounds Current Money; two Whip Saws; four Cross cutt Saws, with Handles, Setts & Files, small Nails Sorted & Spikes, to the Value of One hundred Pounds Current Money; Six Horn Lanthorns, and One hundred & fifty Bushels of Salt to be pro=-vided for the Use of the said Expedition.

That the two three Pounds Iron Guns, & two Four Pounders, mentioned in Capt: Dudgeon's Report to Your Excellency, be repaired; and that Rope Traces, Spunges, Rammers, Ladles, Formers for Cartridges, & Match, suitable for the said Guns, be provided for the said Expedition; And We are of Opinion, that it is not necessary to make Provision for any more Field Pieces for that Service.

And with respect to building a Fort in the Catawba Nation, for the Security of their Wives & Children, We cannot agree to make any Provision for the same.

Nor can we be of Opinion, that it is necessary at this Time, to provide further, for ob=-taining Provisions or Carriages for this Service, as we conceive the Militia Law provides suf=-ficient for the purpose.

And lastly We have resolved, that the Pay for the several Persons herein before mentioned, shall Continue only to the first day of January next,

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or shall Cease at the Conclusion of the present Ex:
:pedition, in case it shall be determined sooner.

By Order of the House
Bn. Smith, Speaker.

In the Commons House of Assembly
the 12th. Day of October 1759. —

Endorsed Copy. Resolutions of the / Assembly of
South Carolina. — / 12th. Octr. 1759. / Enclosed in Govr.
Lyttelton's Letter to / General Amherst of 16th. Octo. 1759. /
in M. G. Amherst's of Janv. 9: 1760 / No. 11.

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Fort Prince George Septr. 26th. 1759~

Sir

I have just time to Acquaint Your Excellency that affairs in these parts are now come to a crisis, time being precious unables me to write fully on every particular, I have therefore enclosed Your Ex=-cellency a Letter I Yesterday received (per Lieut. Benn Who had it Served in the Pad of his Saddle) from Lieut. Anderson with one for You I Suppose from Captn. Demere. As for these Lower it is absolutely open war, as parties of them are continually lurk=-ing about; The Town of Keowhee only being (or as yet Pretend to be) Neutral, Captn. Stuart (Who arrived the 22^d. Instant) thought it Proper to Acquaint the back Settlements of the behavior of these people, to enable them the better to be on their Guard, Accordingly Sent off last Night, but the bearer was Shot at about Six Miles from here, but made his escape and returned to the Fort. However the bearer Charles Mc Lamore, has undertaken to de=-liver this to Your Excellency. Yesterday the great Warrior Judge's Friend, and about Eighteen Young Fellows came here with a Letter from Captn. Demere to Captn. Stuart & myself Which I have Enclosed, As Yet they have not talked with us but we expect them to day The Traders are all here

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(except one Who is Supposed to be Killed) from every part of the Nation, Some indeed have brought off a little Leather &c., but most of them have left their Houses, Horses, Leather and every thing, they were worth in the world, being glad to Escape with their lives. I have no more to add but Assure Your Excellency that Affairs here are blacker than my Pen is able to paint them but we are no ways Apprehensive (as it is not in their Power) of them hurting this Garrison, till Such time as Your Excellency Sends up a Sufficient Reinforcement Which I Imagine on the receipt of this & Capt. Stuart's You will Judge very necessary. It is impossible for a Supply of any Provisions &c. to Pass to Fort London with So Small a Party of fifty or even an hundred and fifty men, however I hear Capt. Demere has got in all his Corn and has Seventy head of Steers Salted, Whether What I before have writ to You was without Grounds and was all falsehood, (as Whatehee Said) I now leave Your Excellency to Judge. The Cruik Messengers I mentioned Sometime ago arrived here two days Since but What their Errand is I cannot as yet learn, Fiftoe and the Wolf came often to See us; but neither Whatehee or any of the Town Warriors have been here since Capt. Stuart Arrived. — I am, Sir, with all due respect

Your Excellency's most dedt. humble Servant Richard Coytmore.

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We have this Moment been Informed that the Per=
=sons who Shot at Isaac Atwood this morning six
Miles from hence were two Young fellows of the Sugar
Town (Collasetchee) who were Sent by Ohratelrie pur=
=posely to waylay the road to Prevent our Sending
to Town. ~

R. C.

His Excellency Govr. Lyttelton

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Coytmore/ To
Govr. Lyttelton Dated/ Fort Prince George 26th. Septr. 1759./
Enclosed in the Govrs of 16th. Octr. to General/ Amherst/
Confirmation of the Outrages Committed/ by the Cherokees
&a -/ in N. C. Amherst's of Janr. 9: 1760/ No. 12.

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A General Return of the Strength of His Majesty's Three In-
Georgia, under the Command of His Excellency Governor Lyttelton,

	Companies	Commands	Commission'd Officers					
			Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeon	Mates	Serjeants
Captains —	Capt Regm.d Demere	Fort Loudoun			1		1	1
		Fort Prince George		1				
		Fort Augusta & Moore						1
		Fredericca	1				1	1
		Charles Town		1		1		1
		Total	1	2	1	1	2	4
	Capt.n Wm. Goldsmith	Fort Loudoun						1
		Fort Prince George						1
		Forts Augusta & Moore		1				
		Fredericca . .	1					1
		Charles Town		1	1			1
		Total	1	2	1			4
	Capt Paul Demere	Fort Loudoun	1					2
		Fort Prince George						1
		Forts Augusta & Moore						
		Fredericca						
		Charles Town		2	1			1
		Total	1	2	1			4
		Total Amo.t	3	6	3	1	2	12

:dependent Companies Doing Duty in South Carolina and Charles Town, South Carolina, the 15th. of October 1759. ~

Drummers	Rank & File	on Furlow	Sick	Discharged	Deserted	Dead	Inlisted since last Return	Wanting to compleat
	30							
	12							
	4							
1	29							
1	19							
2	96		3	7	2		9	4
1	28							
1	13							
	8							
	22							
	16	1	2					
2	87	1	2					12
1	31							
1	14							
	8							
	15							
	16	1						
4	84	1					2	16
6	267	2	5	7	2		11	31

N. B. Capt. Raymond Demere at Fredericca by leave of Absence from Gov. Lyttelton

Lieut. Howorth, Commanding the South Carolina Provincials by Leave from Lord Loudoun.

Lieut. Charles Taylor in Arrest by Capt. Raymond Demere since the 17th. of April 1758.

John Geary, Lieut.

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Charles Town, October 23d. 1759.

Sir,

In my last of the 16th. Instant, I Informed Your Excellency that some Cherokee Indians were on their Way to this Town; One Party of them, Consisting of the Upper and Lower Towns arrived here the 17th. Instant, and I have now Concluded my Conferences with them. Upon a full Discussion of the Matter in Council, it was Resolved, That any Accommodation that might be Enter'd into with these Indians here, for Settling the Differences between this Province and their Nation, would be Insecure and Improper for the following Reasons. ~

First, because it was the Opinion of the Whole Council, and of the Assembly also, that Satisfaction should be Insisted on from the Cherokee Nation, for the many Murders and Outrages they have Committed against His Majesty's good Subjects of this Province: by which is meant, That a certain Number of Cherokees, that were guilty of the Murders and Outrages aforesaid, should be Put to Death in their Nation, or deliver'd up to me, to be disposed of, as I should think fit.

Secondly, because it appear'd that the Indians of the Upper Nation, were not deputed by their Towns, or in any manner, Authorized to come here and

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treat with me for, and on behalf of those Towns; Consequently, any Treaty that could be made with the Headmen here present, could be only with such, as were Deputies from the Towns of the Lower Na:=tion; and binding only upon those Towns.

Thirdly, because if any Treaty should be Con:=cluded with the Headmen here present, whether Deputies or Others; whereby it should be agreed that Satisfaction should be given by the Cherokees in the manner above mention'd, the Nation might refuse to ratify the said Treaty, and to give the Stipulated Satisfaction.

Fourthly, because a very considerable Time must necessarily Elapse after the Conclusion of such a Treaty, before it could be known, whether the Chero:=kee Nation would ratify it, and give the Satisfaction required, during which time the Forces now Collected for the projected Operations must either be kept on foot, in a State of Inaction, at a very great Charge to the Province, or Disbanded, and the Militia have leave to return to their own homes; and the Measures Con:=certing in the Provinces of N. Carolina and Virginia, for Cooperating with this Colony, be Suspended, as also those for Obtaining the Assistance of the Catawbas, Cheeksaws, Creeks, Tuskaroras, or other Friendly In:=dians, and the large Expence already Incurrid, be

rendered Useless.—

Fifthly, because if the Cherokee Nation should refuse to ratify such a Treaty, and to give the Satisfaction aforesaid, and should thereupon, renew their Hostilities, it would then become necessary for this Province to take fresh Measures for Collecting & Maintaining its Forces to Act against them (the Vote of the Assembly having been only to provide Pay for the Militia to the 1st. Day of January next) also for Obtaining the Cooperation of the Provinces of Nº. Carolina and Virginia, and procuring the Assistance of the Friendly Indians abovementioned; the Execution of which Measures might then become difficult, if not Impracticable, from many Causes, some whereof cannot now be foreseen; Whereas the Present Military Preparations are in great forwardness.

Sixthly, because it Appears from the latest Advices received from the Cherokee Nation, that since the Departure of the Headmen and Deputies, to come down here, to treat concerning an Accommodation a large Party of Indians has been sent out from the Upper Nation to make Incursions upon the back Settlements of this Province, and new Outrages have been Committed in the Lower Nation.

Lastly, It was resolved, That I should without delay, Proceed with the Forces of this Province to

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the Cherokee Nation, & should there demand Satisfaction for the Murders & Violences aforementiond which if I Obtain, an Accommodation may immediately Ensue, and the Trade be restored upon its usual footing; but if Satisfaction is refused, I should then Endeavor to take it by Force of Arms.

The Regulars & Provincials, that are in this Town, will March tomorrow for the General Rendezvous at the Congarees, with the Provision & Baggage Waggons under their Escort, and I hope to be in readiness to follow them in three days. I am, with the highest Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
William Henry Lyttelton

His Excellency General Amherst.

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Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Lyttelton / to General Amherst. / Dated Charles Town 23d. Octr. 1759. / That since his last, a Party of Headsmen of the Upper & Lower Towns of the / Cherokee Nation, had Arrived at / Charles Town; That he had Concluded / his Conferences with them, and that / upon a full Discussion of the Matter / in Council, it was resolved that any / Accommodation that might be Enter'd into with those Indians, would be / Insecure and Improper, for the Reasons / Within mentioned. / Sir M. G. Amherst's of Janr. 9: 1760. / No. 15.

Copy/

New York 21st. December 1759.

Sir,

As Capt. Stott Commanding His Majesty's Ship the Scarborough, informs me that he proposes to Sail for his Station on Sunday next, I Seize that Opportunity of Acknowledging the Receipt of Your two favors of the 16th. and 23d. October (Which came both together to my hands on my March from Crown Point to this place, Where I Arrived the 11th. Inst.) and of Conveying to You my best wishes for the Successful Issue of Your expedition, either by those Barbarians having given You the Proper Satisfaction before You got to their Nests, or if You have been Obliged to go on so far that they may have felt the weight of His Majesty's Arms, than Which nothing will Contribute more towards the Security of the Inhabitants and their Settlements. for when once, these dastardly Scoundrels, Know the Strength of the Province, & that it's Troops are not afraid of them, they will be as meek as Lambs and very glad to Accept any Terms, You will be pleased to Prescribe to them; And I cannot therefore but think this expedition of the utmost good Consequence to the Province; So Soon as I heard of it I was not without Some thoughts, that You might Perhaps have Occasion for Some of His Majesty's Regular Forces, and I have accordingly brought two Regiments with me, that I may be able to reinforce you in case You

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should require it; At the Same time I had much rather You had no Call for them, because, as I observed before, if the Indians find that the Province alone is able to resent and Punish their outrages they will Stand in greater awe of them and be Cautious how they offend for the future

From the little Experience I have of Indians I find that the only way to deal with them is, to reward or Punish them according to their Deserts, this Maxim I have laid down to myself, I let them know it, and I keep to my resolution: Agreable to Which I have during this Campaign been Compelled to Cause two Notorious Murderers to be Executed; altho' the Mohawks Claimed them and that Some People Apprehended, if they were not given up it would be attended with bad Consequences they were never=theless Executed and not the least Evil has resulted from it, on the Contrary I Imagine Much good. ~

As nothing is more Just, than that the Three Independent Companies of Carolina Where on Service Should have the Same Emoluments with the rest of His Majesty's Forces, I have directed the Pay M. Genl. to make the Same allowance to them as to the latter Which does not Amount to So much as Lt. Gray's draft but he will Settle that Matter w.th M. Watts Who is bearer of that Bill. ~

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Agreable to my promise I have now perused the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held in Augt. last on Lt. Taylor and must own it is a very Complicated Affair, however Since the Officers re=fuse to roll with them, I See no way of Deiding the Matter but by a General Court Martial, and I accordingly Enclose You a Warrant Appointing a President of Such Court, Which You will please to fill up with the name of a field Officer, as also the day on Which and the Place where, You would have the Same sit, and I likewise transmit You a blank Deputation for a Judge Advocate; When the Whole is finished You will be as good as to Send me the Proceedings with the Sentence Signed by the Presidt. for my Assent or dissent as I shall See Cause. I am &c.a Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Govr. Lyttelton

Endorsed Copy Letter from Govr. Amherst / to Governor Lyttelton Dated / New York 21st Decemr. 1759. / Acknowledging the Rect. of the / Govrs. of the 16th. & 23d. Octr. That / so soon as he heard of the Outrages / Committed by the Cherokees, he was / not without some thoughts that the / Govr. might perhaps, have occasion / for some of His Majestys Regular / Forces, and had ac=cordingly brought / Two Regts. down the Country, to be ready / to Reinforce him, in case he Should / require it; but hoped he would have / no Occasion for such Reinforcement, / but that the Province of themselves would / be able to punish those Savages, which /

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Georgia October 5th. 1759.~

Sir,

A few days ago I Received Your Excellency's Letter of the 14th. of August, together with Copy of Cartel for Exchange and Ransom of Prisoners of War, Concluded and agreed upon between our Court and that of France to Which I Shall pay due regard upon every necessary occasion.~

The 20th. of July I did myself the honour to write a Letter to Your Excellency in Answer to Yours of the 1st. of June in reference to the Establishment of the Troop of Rangers raised in this Province, Which Hope has come to hand. At present I have nothing to observe upon the Subject of Affairs in this Quarter, but that the temper of the Cherokee and Creek In:-dians, appear very alarming the former it is reported have already Committed Some Acts of Hostility and made Strong Impressions to our Prejudice upon the Minds of the latter; I have therefore thought it Neces:-sary to Invite Some of the Chiefs of the Creek nation down here and I doubt not Governor Lyttelton will use his best Endeavours to prevent Matters coming to Extremities with the Cherokees but Should our ut:-most Efforts herein prove ineffectual, and an In:-dian war actually take place much mischief Must ensue and the weakness of this Frontier

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Province will be most Apparent.

I am with the utmost regard

Sir Yr

Henry Ellis

His Excellency General Amherst

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from Govr. Ellis / To General Amherst Dated / Georgia October 5th. 1759 / That the Temper of the Cherokee & / Creek Nations appear very Alarming; / & Expressing his fears of the great / Mischief that must ensue to the / Province of Georgia, should an / Indian War take place, &c. / in N. C. Am: -herst's of Jan: 9: 1760. / N°. 18.

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Georgia 2d. November 1759.

Sir,

The last letter I did myself the Honour to write to Your Excellency was of the 5th. Ult. I therein took Notice of the unsettled and alarming Posture of In=dian Affairs in this Quarter; there were then how=ever Some hopes remaining that Matters might be Settled amicably with the Cherokees, but their hav=ing Committed fresh hostilities renders an Accom=modation more doubtfull and difficult; their In=solence and Outrages were grown to Such a height, that the Government of South Carolina thought it highly necessary to Chastise the one and Demand Satisfaction for the other; in order to Which Governor Lyttelton with part of the Independent Companies, and a large draught from the Militia of that Province actually Marched towards their Country last week: What the Event of this Expedition may be is uncertain, but Should these Savages refuse to do Justice and resolve to Carry on an open war, The Inhabitants of this Province will be very much exposed to their Barbarities. Nor are we quite free from Apprehensions in respect to the Creeks, as in the beginning of last month Mr. Atkin His Majesty's Agent for Indian Affairs in the Southern District was very near Lossing his life in that Nation; for Whilst he was delivering his Discourse to the Headmen there,

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a Creek Indian Struck him down with a hatchet and would have killed him, had not a fellow long Attached to the English interposed in his favour However I am in hopes this Affair will be Attended with no further Consequences, as I have had Some of the Chiefs of that Tribe with me but a few days ago Who expressed much Concern for What had happened gave Assurances of their friendship, received Presents and departed Seemingly Contented, Upon the Whole however these Several Circumstances excite our Serious attention, and make me very anxious to Receive Your Excellencys Commands in reference to the Proposed augmentation of the Rangers, in the Meantime I have taken all the Precautions in my Power for the Security of the Colony by putting the Militia in readiness to act as Occasion may require and by raising in the best manner we were able the Fort of Augusta, Situated near the Cherokee Country, but Still the Province is in a very defenceless State at Such a Conjuncture.

I am with the utmost deference & respect

Sir Ex Henry Ellis

His Excellency General Amherst &c.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Gov.r Ellis/To General Amherst/Dated Georgia 2 Novem.r 1759/Acquaints the General, that the/Insolence & Outrages of the Cherokees/had grown to such a height, as had/Obliged Gov.r Lyttelton to March/against them with part of the/Independ.t Companies, & a large Detachment from the Militia of Carolina; /That He (Gov.r Ellis) had taken all/the Precautions in his Powe, for the/Security of the Colony of Georgia. /in M.G. Amherst's of Jan.y 9. 1760/ N.o 19.

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Boston December 17th. 1759.~

Sir,

The Enclosed from Lord Colvill, I Received last Friday by Capt. Mc. Neal Master of a Vessell, Which his Lordship has Sent here with Instructions as follows "to lay at Boston with the Vessell under Your Com= "=mand in constant readiness for the Sea, that You "may be able at a Moment's warning to proceed with "Such dispatches, as the Hon.ble General Amherst or His "Excellency Governor Pownall may at any time think "Proper to Charge You with for His Majesty's Service, "and You are to Obey their orders in the Same Man= "=ner as if You received them from me, and You "are to Communicate this Order to Governor Pownall". I have taken liberty to transcribe this least Captain Mc. Neil Should Omit, to Communicate his order Properly to You. ~ By Major Tapley, Who arrived here Yesterday from Halifax I hear and have the Pleasure to Acquaint You, that the Soldiers there are Settled to their duty, The way they have taken to quiet them is very clever ~ Whenever any Man Commits a fault for Which he is liable to Punishmt. They Ex= =cute him upon his Signing a new Enlistment So that what by the number that have Signed and the fears that dwell upon the others of being reduced to Sign, they keep all quiet. Poor Lt. Col. Arbuthnot

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has had the worst piece of work, His men Mutinied
While they were up in the Enemy's Country and
threatned to Desert him there, but upon his Swearing
he would Shoot the first man that Stirr'd he has awed
them to Obedience — Enclosed is his Letter — M. Tapley
tells me Since that there have 202 French in all
Surrendred to him & 22 Male Indians with a Number
of Women & Children — The Account that Major Tapley gives me of
Lt. Col.o Hoare's Conduct at Annapolis, that Col.o Hoare, finding the
men did not regard him as he could wish, but Continuing dis=
=posed to mutiny — he told them; if You will go and not regard my
Promises there are Officers Sufficient to keep the Garrison Who will
do it; Upon Which the men gave three Huzzas and returned to
their duty with Chearfulness & So Continue, May I beg to Recom=
=mend this Gentleman Lieut Col.o Arbuthnot to You, they are
both of them Gentlemen and would make good Officers. —

I have the honor to be, Sir &a

J Pownall

The Lieutenant General Amherst

Endorsed Copy Letter from Gov.r Pownall / To General Amherst
Dated / Boston 17.th Decem.r 1759. / That the Provincial Soldiers at /
Halifax were Settled to their Duty, / That Lt Colonel Arbuthnot's
Men / had Mutinied while they were in the / Enemy's Country,
but that he Had / awed them to Obedience. / in N. G. Am:
=herst's of Jan.y 9: 1760. / N.o 28.

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New York 26th: December 1759.

Sir,

The Boston Post did not come in till Monday night, and went away again the next Morning Which has prevented me till now, Acknowledging the Receipt of Your favor of the 17th: Accompanying one to You (Which is herewith returned) from Col: Arbuthnot, Whose great Diligence and Zeal, I cannot Sufficiently Commend and I beg that when You write to him, You would Pre:=sent him with my thanks: I Doubt not but Gov:r Lawrence has long Since rid him of the French & Indians that had Surrendred themselves to him. ~ I must not neither Omit the Commendation due to the Conduct of Lt: Col: Hoare, and beg that You will Signify to him my Sense of it. The method fallen upon and followed at Halifax to quiet the Soldiers, is, I must Confess a very good one and nothing could give me more Satisfaction, than to hear they are Settled to their duty. ~

The Letter You have Enclosed me from Lord Colvill has the Paragraph "In case You Should have "any Dispatches, that may be necessary to be forwarded "by Sea; I have Sent to Boston the Boscawen Brigan:=tine Hector Married Master, and have Directed "him to obey all Such orders as he may receive from "You or Governor Pownall, The Brig is hired as a

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Inder to the Feet, and will Sail with me in the Spring."—

His Particular Attention of His Lordship to the good of the Service will not only Answer the good End of Keep:-ing up a Correspondence, but will also Enable me to forward the Cloathing and Some other Things that remain here, belonging to Two of the Regiments at Quebec, Which it has not been Possible to Send before, for Which Pur:-pose I Shall Seize the Opportunitys that Offer for Bos:-ton, that they may be ready there Whenever the Brig Beaver Shall Sail to Join Lord Colvill, Who will doubtless call at Louisburgh for the Cloathing of the other Regiments, Which had been Shipped for Quebec, but relanded at Louisburgh on Account of the Ice in the River St. Laurence. ~

I am, with great regard,
Sir Your
Most: Obed: Humble Servt
Jeff: Amherst

His Excellency Governor Pownall.

Endorsed Copy Letter from Genl. Amherst / To Governor Pownall, Dated / New York 26th. December 1759. / In Answer to the Govrs. of the 17th. / Commends the Diligence & Zeal of Lt. / Col. Arbuthnot, and begs the Govr. To / present him with his thanks, as well / as to Lt. Col. Hoare for his Con:-duct in / Quieting the Soldiers under his Command. / in M. G. Amherst's of Janr. 9: 1760. / No. 29.